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BABY 'ROOS DRAW TOUGH WORLD CUP GROUP

Australia will have to overcome the immense hurdles set by England and the last winners Argentina to reach the quarterfinals in the World Youth Cup in October.

The fourth member of the group, Cameroon, is one of the tournament's dark horses.

These are the groups, with the two top teams qualifying from each after a league-type round-robin:

The draw was made by FIFA vice president Harry Cavan on Tuesday in the new Canberra indoor sports centre, amidst professionally organised pomp and ceremony.

Group A
(Brisbane)
USA
Uruguay
Poland
Qatar

Group B
(Melbourne)
Rumania
Brazil
Italy
Sth. Korea

Group C
(Adelaide & Canberra)
W. Germany
Mexico
Spain
Egypt

Group D
(Sydney & Newcastle)
Australia
Argentina
England
Cameroon

—By Peter Kunz

The match draw is:

October 3: Australia v Argentina (Sydney)
England v Cameroon (Sydney — double-header)
USA v Uruguay (Brisbane)
Poland v Qatar (Brisbane — d.h.)
Rumania v Brazil (Melbourne)
Italy v Sth. Korea (Melbourne — d.h.)
W. Germany v Mexico (Adelaide)
Spain v Egypt (Adelaide — d.h.)

October 5: Australia v Cameroon (Sydney)

October 6: Argentina v England (Newcastle)
USA v Qatar (Brisbane)
Uruguay v Poland (Brisbane — d.h.)
Rumania v Sth. Korea (Melbourne)
Brazil v Italy (Melbourne — d.h.)
W. Germany v Egypt (Adelaide)
Mexico v Spain (Adelaide — d.h.)

October 8: Cameroon v Argentina (Sydney)
England v Australia (Sydney — d.h.)
Uruguay v Qatar (Brisbane)
USA v Poland (Brisbane — d.h.)
Brazil v Sth. Korea (Melbourne)
Rumania v Italy (Melbourne — d.h.)
Mexico v Egypt (Canberra)
W. Germany v Spain (Canberra — d.h.)

October 11:

Quarterfinals: Winner of Sydney group v runner up of Brisbane Group (Sydney) — A
Winner of Brisbane group v runner up of Sydney group (Newcastle) — B
Winner of Adelaide group v runner up of Melbourne group (Melbourne) — C
Winner of Melbourne group v runner up of Adelaide group (Adelaide) — D

October 14:

Semifinals: Winner of A v B and C v D in Sydney and Melbourne.

October 17: Match for third place, Adelaide.

October 18: Final, Sydney.

APRIL 15 IS CUP D-DAY

National coach Rudi Gutendorf said this week that the Soccerroo squad announced last Friday was only "provisional."

He said it was only for the first training camp, starting early next week and this will be changed the week after.

What Rudi and the ASF may not know is that time is fast running out to make a final selection.

Rule 12, Article 19, Paragraph 3 of the FIFA World Cup regulations states:

"For the matches of the Qualifying Competition, a list of 22 players at the most must be sent or cabled TEN DAYS BEFORE each match by each Association to each Association within the same group and to the FIFA Secretariat..."

The first match in Auckland is on April 25, thus the final squad names have to be sent to FIFA and to New Zealand by April 15.

Let's not make another goof, please.

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Latin groups soon swing into action

Argentina are in the World Cup finals as holders, Brazil have fought their way in with wins over Venezuela and Bolivia — now the other two South American groups are swinging into action.

Peru, Uruguay and Colombia are likely to stage a stiff three-way battle.

Peru's national team has been taken over by former Brazilian star Didi who, in 1970, was also in charge of that team.

Didi's appointment followed the resignation of Marcos Calderon and a three-week argument in the Association about his successor.

However, Didi will take up his duties only in the middle of May, because of his other current commitments.

The question is, will he have enough time to produce a team for the first match, against Colombia in the middle of July?

Peru played in the finals in 1978 in Argentina and caused a major surprise by knocking out Scotland.

Then, under suspicious circumstances, they lost 6-0 to Argentina, enabling the hosts to make the final on goal difference ahead of Brazil.

Colombia played in the finals in 1970 and stood their ground well.

The third member of this group is Uruguay, recent winners of the Mini-World Cup in Montevideo.

Uruguay are superbly confident of qualifying for the finals and preparations will start after the final of the Inter-America Cup on April 8 between Universidad de Mexico and the Uruguay champions Nacional.

The third South American group is made up of Ecuador, Paraguay and Chile.

Here the elimination games begin on May 17 when Ecuador play Paraguay in Quito.

SUPER-CUP

The Italian Association will stage a World Super Cup tournament between July 16 and 30 this year.

Teams which will take part are Boca Juniors of Argentina, Penarol of Uruguay, Real Madrid of Spain and AC Milan as well as Inter Milan of Italy.



Brazilian ace Zico (right) with Rivelino in the 1978 World Cup.

ENGLAND DOWN, WALES TRIUMPH

Shock, horror...England got beaten at Wembley, even though it was a friendly international.

Spain, relying on quick and clinical counterattacks, deservedly beat a sluggish England 2-1, inflicting on England its first defeat at Wembley for almost four years.

Although playing without kidnapped striker Enrique Castro 'Quini' — who was freed by his captors in Spain only a few hours after the match ended — the young and experimental Spanish side won convincingly.

Belgium beat the Republic of Ireland 1-0 in a World Cup qualifying match in Brussels to move to the top of the European Group Two.

Holland scored a narrow 1-0 win over France in another Group Two clash, in Rotterdam.

In the Group Three game in Ankara, Wales took another step towards the World Cup finals when it defeated Turkey 1-0.

Wales now heads Group Three standings with a maximum of eight points.

In Glasgow, Northern Ireland and Scotland fought to a 1-1 draw in a Group Six qualifying match.

The point took Scotland to the lead in



Young England international Bryan Robson...

Group Six ahead of Portugal, Northern Ireland, Israel and Sweden.

Yugoslavia in Belgrade defeated Bulgaria 2-1 in the first soccer match between the two national teams in 15 years, but the clash

failed to produce the calibre of soccer expected by the 22,000 fans at the City Stadium in the northern Yugoslav town of Subotica.

The match was a friendly international.

YUGOS IN 1980?

Yugoslavia has officially notified FIFA of its readiness to hold the 1990 World Cup finals.

Other applicants so far include France and, jointly, Holland and Belgium.

FIFA will decide some time next June about the venue.

BRIEFLY...

• The recent AS Roma v Napoli first division match in Rome's Stadio Olimpico produced a crowd of 100,000 — and a gate taking of \$600,000.

• Martin O'Neill has a promise from Norwich City that he'll be released from his contract if the team is relegated from first division.

• The giant West German goalie Uwe Kliemann, formerly with Eintracht Frankfurt, Hertha Berlin and then Bielefeld, had to retire from the game and is drawing an invalid pension from the state.

• The latest Nordic sensation in the German Bundesliga is the Norwegian Oakland of Bayer Leverkusen who recently scored three times against Bayern Munchen.

• Dino Zoff, the veteran Juventus goalkeeper, has passed a major milestone: he played his 500th match for his club. The all-time Italian list: Piola (566), Albertosi (532), Rivera (527) and Ferraris (504).

• Ivan Buljan, Hamburg's Yugoslav international defender, has signed a three-year contract with the Los Angeles Aztecs.

• Blow to new Swiss manager Wolfisberg: his No.1 goalie, Berbig, from Grasshoppers, will be unavailable for a few months because of his university studies.

• Bettega has a serious hobby: he is a student of Italian history and buys books galore on the subject.

• Rinus Michels may leave FC Köln — because his wife isn't happy living in Germany and would be keener to return to Holland.

• AC Milan have offered \$3 million for Flamengo's Brazilian international, Zico.

• Benfica, having won the Portuguese "Derby" 1-0 against Porto, now have a four-point lead at the top. They are coached by former Hungarian national coach Lajos Baroti.

• Hungary will recall its three internationals, Balint, Fazekas and Muller from their Belgian clubs for the World Cup match against Switzerland. Next Tuesday, Hungary will play a friendly in Bruges, Belgium as part of their preparations.

• At a third division match in Italy between Salerno and Sanbenedettese, the referee had to be rescued by helicopter from the wrath of fans.

• Marion Kempes was the best man on the field when making his debut for his "new" club, River Plate of Buenos Aires, against Colon.

• Despite rumors about his imminent sacking, Vujadin Boskov has been given a new contract by Real Madrid, struggling in the for them "lowly" 4th position in Spain.

• Bayern manager Uli Hoeness: "Only the stubborn and aggressive players can succeed in soccer. The unselfish nice guys remain unnoticed."

• Although the yellow and red cards have been abolished in England, FIFA will retain the system for all internationals including the World Cup.

• Paolo Rossi, suspended until April 1982, has been signed by Juventus from Lanerossi for \$3 million.

• Diego Maradona, the divine Argentinian superstar, may be out of action for some weeks with a bad knee injury.

• Malaysia will stage an international tourney in Kuala Lumpur from June 15 to 18 with the participation of Barcelona, Manchester United and some other top clubs.

• Leo Beenhakker, coach of the Dutch Ajax, has resigned and will join the Spanish club Zaragoza from July 1. Assistant coach Bobby Harms has taken over at Ajax.

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SLICKERS FACE REVIVED HEIDI

With the PSL table becoming tighter and only a point or two separating teams dispersed over a fair distance, every point gains an extra significance.

Last weekend none of the leaders managed to win — and none of the bottom teams suffered a defeat.

It could be a different story this week.

SYDNEY CITY HEIDELBERG

Having let certain victory slip out of their hand against Olympic, the Slickers won't have a much easier task against the gradually improving Heidelberg.

Boden's hat-trick trail has run out of space — maybe because he has now become an Australian...

Heidelberg, still under Jimmy Rooney's temporary care, might have turned the corner.

However, they will badly miss the injured Paton and, whether they admit it or not, the departed Pat Bannon as

well as the still unfit Tansey.

Last year, in the Grand Final, Heidelberg gave an immaculate display to win 4-0 and the Slickers are still troubled by that defeat which now can be remedied.

Our tip: Sydney City 2-1.

MARCONI WEST ADELAIDE

Coach Blanco must be stumped: despite positional changes and two new signings — or maybe because of them — Marconi is still in the dumps.

The contribution of Housseini and Picioane will have to be much more significant than last week before they again have a midfield worthy of the club's traditions.

Degney's presence will make a difference but the key to their success is a tighter defence and an attack where players regain their mobility.

Westad are likely to go through the season in

their current up-and-down fashion.

Although not short of talent, they just cannot find a winning formula — and especially a goal-scoring striker.

Our tip: 1-1 draw.

WOLLONGONG LEICHHARDT

This could be a lively affair well worth a trip to the Coast.

Still unbeaten, after six matches, the Wolves are perhaps the most solid and no-nonsense team in the PSL.

Leichhardt, with Giampaolo and Soper providing worthy partnership to O'Connor up front, will be hard to toss from now on.

Giampaolo must see his chance to replace some of the out of form Socceroo strikers: he may need just one more grand display to gain Gutendorf's nod.

The Wollongong defence looks a shade stronger and this could tip the scales in their favor.

Our tip: Wolves 2-1.

ADELAIDE CITY BRISBANE LIONS

Both survived last weekend without a defeat — which one will go on to new heights after this clash?

Adelaide City, with some talented youngsters in their ranks, are an entertaining, even colorful team but rather goal-shy.

The Lions, with their superb defence and powerful midfield, can absorb a lot of pressure then hit back with sudden counterpunches.

Going on tradition, the Lions would be happy with an away point even if trying for both.

Our tip: Adelaide City 1-0.

PRESTON BLACKTOWN

After three successive wins, the Preston Rams came down to earth without losing too many friends in the process.

At home, they will be dangerous opponents especially if their ace strikers Cullen and Doug Brown click.

Blacktown will be at their most dangerous when pushed to the wall, as in counter-attacks nobody can keep pace with that flying Serb, Jovan Djordjevic.

If Burrows and Wallace begin to slot in to the team, they could make it interesting for the hosts.

Our tip: 2-2.

SOUTH MELBOURNE NEWCASTLE

This summit clash should draw a top crowd in Melbourne where the PSL may see a new table leader after the 90 minutes.

South Melbourne were anything but impressive last week and were actually outplayed for long stretches.

It wouldn't surprise to see Cummings take over from the disappointing Christopoulos at the centre of the attack though Buljevic also has to show more zest if he is to retain his place.



Canberra's Robert O'Shea almost had his head kicked off in Sunday's encounter — if you believe photographs.

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CANBERRA OLYMPIC

If they play the way they did last Sunday, Canberra will romp in.

On the other hand, Olympic displayed a tremendous fighting spirit against the Slickers to come back from 0-2, so the encounter is full of interesting possibilities.

Ian Gibson may replace Don McLaren in the Canberra attack where the Valeri-Brennan duo is operating with menacing speed and telepathic understanding.

Olympic's defence still concedes too many goals but at least they also grab their share.

Even a draw would be an achievement for Docherty's boys.

Our tip: Canberra 3-1.

PHILIPS LEAGUE 1981

	AGGREGATE									HOME							AWAY								
	P	W	D	L	F	A	±	P		P	W	D	L	F	A	P		P	W	D	L	F	A	P	
1 SOUTH MELBOURNE	6	4	2	—	10	6	+4	10		3	3	—	—	4	1	6		3	1	2	—	6	5	4	
2 WOLLONGONG	6	3	3	—	11	5	+6	9		3	2	1	—	6	3	5		3	1	2	—	5	2	4	
3 SYDNEY CITY	6	3	2	1	10	5	+5	8		3	2	1	—	7	1	5		3	1	1	1	3	4	3	
4 NEWCASTLE	6	3	2	1	8	4	+4	8		3	1	2	—	5	2	4		3	2	—	1	3	2	4	
5 CANBERRA	6	3	2	1	6	2	+4	8		3	1	1	1	3	2	3		3	2	1	—	3	—	5	
6 LEICHHARDT	6	3	2	1	8	6	+2	8		3	1	2	—	4	3	4		3	2	—	1	4	3	4	
7 BRISBANE CITY	6	2	3	1	7	5	+2	7		3	2	1	—	5	1	5		3	—	2	1	2	4	2	
8 MARCONI	7	3	1	3	5	10	—5	7		3	1	1	1	2	3	3		4	2	—	2	3	7	4	
9 PRESTON	6	3	—	3	10	7	+3	6		3	2	—	1	6	2	4		3	1	—	2	4	5	2	
10 BRISBANE LIONS	6	1	3	2	5	6	—1	5		3	1	1	1	3	3	3		3	—	2	1	2	3	2	
11 HEIDELBERG	7	2	1	4	9	13	—4	5		4	2	—	2	5	6	4		3	—	1	2	4	7	1	
12 WEST ADELAIDE	6	2	—	4	6	7	—1	4		3	1	—	2	3	3	2		3	1	—	2	3	4	2	
13 ADELAIDE CITY	6	1	2	3	5	7	—2	4		3	1	—	2	3	3	2		3	—	2	1	2	4	2	
14 BLACKTOWN	6	—	4	2	6	9	—3	4		3	—	2	1	4	5	2		3	—	2	1	2	4	2	
15 OLYMPIC	7	1	2	4	9	15	—6	4		3	1	2	—	7	5	4		4	—	—	4	2	10	—	
16 FOOTSCRAY	7	1	1	5	6	14	—8	3		4	1	1	2	5	6	3		3	—	—	3	1	8	—	

TEAM OF ROUND

MAHER
(Marconi)

SOUNESS
(Sydney City)

BYRNE
(Canberra)

DE GRAAF
(Wollongong)

YANCOS
(Heidelberg)

KATHOLOS
(Olympic)

ILIOSKI
(Footscray)

ROONEY
(Heidelberg)

DJORDJEVIC
(Blacktown)

COLE
(Heidelberg)

O'CONNOR
(Leichhardt)

THIS WAS THE WEEK THAT WAS

• Raul Blanco, Marconi: "Actually, I was quite happy with the team's work-rate."

• After the Marconi game, several leading club officials were jeered and abused by angry fans. Blanco got the loudest reception.

• Blacktown's Rale Basic: "If Cuk had kept my instructions to drop back when we hit the lead with his goal, we would have saved the other point, too."

• Jovan Djordjevic, the Blacktown sensation, through an interpreter, colleague Alex Vesic: "You must treat the ball as if it were a woman: tenderly, gingerly, with loving care."

• Rudi Gutendorf was deeply impressed with the display of South Melbourne midfielder Billy Rogers and is seriously considering to invite him for the squad for the post-New Zealand matches.

• Gutendorf again: "I was worried that Davidson might get badly hurt when Djordjevic smashed him against the railing. I think it's not right that national team players be treated like that. Of course, Davidson himself provoked things."

• Again Gutendorf: "They offered me a job in Saudi Arabia, at \$20,000 a month. But who can live there? They have some palaces, a hotel and nothing else."

• George Harris was transferred from Blacktown to Riverwood last week for a fee of \$2,000.

• Bob D'Ottavi of Adelaide City: "My players did not perform too well under the poor playing conditions at Schintler Reserve."

• Cedo Cerkovic, Footscray: "We will improve with new blood very shortly. The return of Zdravko Lujic and two others from Yugoslavia could build team strength, along with injured players O'Reilly and Jovanovic."

• A team robbed, well yes...but a referee? Leading whistler Tim Davies' sports store near Gosford was burglarised last week. Due to the alertness of a neighbour, the thieves were caught — and one of the arresting policemen was Newcastle referee Bob Davies...

• South Melbourne coach John Margaritis: "We're not unhappy with the draw. Davidson, who is not playing well at all nowadays, couldn't handle Djordjevic."

• Margaritis said at no stage did his club make a formal and serious offer for Heidelberg's Cole. "We were interested, that's all. Who wouldn't be interested in him?"

• South Melbourne's George Campbell, who had to undergo surgery for a chipped cartilage, will resume training soon and could be ready to play in six weeks.

• Blacktown will decide this week if they are to continue with their Saturday afternoon games. Although last week's crowd was disappointing — about 2,500 — on certain weekends, especially when Marconi plays at home, the Saturday experiment may still work.

• Hilton Silva, Sydney City's Brazilian striker, is transfer-listed for \$8,000. Blacktown and Marconi are interested.

• How one track-minded soccer fan can be...Tuesday morning we bumped into a Marconi fan. "Have you heard they shot the president," we told him the news from Washington. "My god," he gasped, "why, Tony? Why not the coach and the players?"

• Chances are that some Marconi stars will be dropped, possibly fined or even transfer-listed, following Sunday's debacle.

• Willie Wallace, Leichhardt: "West Adelaide played well in the first half, but in the end they were too predictable with their high balls into the goalmouth for big Pillans."

• Ken Morton, Wollongong: "This was a dour affair as was expected when two teams like Newcastle and Wollongong compete. Not many teams will take a point away from the Sports Centre, which is a fantastic venue for soccer, but I'm happy that we are still undefeated after six matches."

• Alan Vest, Newcastle coach: "What an improvement on the diabolical performance at Canberra the previous week! Although we would have loved to have won this game before our biggest crowd of the season, this Wollongong team has a lot of experience in its make up."

• Joe Kalski, Newcastle player: "I hope that Australian coach Gutendorf is not influenced by my being dropped from the team today. I'm thrilled at being given another chance to gain a permanent spot in the national side."

PHILIPS LEAGUE 1981	ADELAIDE GIANTS	ADELAIDE HAWKS	BLACKTOWN DEMONS	BRISBANE GLADIATORS	BRISBANE LIONS	CANBERRA ARROWS	FOOTSCRAY EAGLES	HEIDELBERG WARRIORS	LEICHHARDT STRIKERS	MARCONI LEOPARDS	MELBOURNE GUNNERS	NEWCASTLE KB	PRESTON RAMS	SYDNEY OLYMPIANS	SYDNEY SLICKERS	WOLLONGONG WOLVES
ADELAIDE GIANTS	*							3-1		0-1					0-1	
ADELAIDE HAWKS		*	2-0						1-2			0-1				
BLACKTOWN DEMONS			*		2-2				0-1		2-2					
BRISBANE GLADIATORS		2-1		*		0-0								3-0		
BRISBANE LIONS					*							0-1	2-1			1-1
CANBERRA ARROWS	0-0	1-2				*									2-0	
FOOTSCRAY EAGLES	1-1						*		2-1	1-2	1-2					
HEIDELBERG WARRIORS			2-0					*					2-3	1-0		0-3
LEICHHARDT STRIKERS					0-0			2-2	*			2-1				
MARCONI LEOPARDS				1-1		0-2				*			1-0			
MELBOURNE GUNNERS					1-0			2-1		1-0	*					
NEWCASTLE KB			1-1				3-0					*				1-1
PRESTON RAMS						0-1	3-0						*	3-1		
SYDNEY OLYMPIANS	3-1										2-2			*	2-2	
SYDNEY SLICKERS		1-0		1-1						5-0					*	
WOLLONGONG WOLVES			1-1				2-1							3-1		*

RASIC ALWAYS ON THE ATTACK

Tough, dedicated, professional, ambitious, successful, scheming, arrogant, conceited, enigmatic, controversial — everything has been said about Rale Rasic, exhausting the range of adjectives. Wherever he goes, he makes news; often he is the news, not his team or club. Presently he is determined to build Blacktown into a solid, well supported and highly rated team. Last weekend he took on PSL leaders South Melbourne — and surprised everybody with his team's bright, aggressive, forward-moving display. We talked to him in his tiny office after the game.

—Before the match, you were a little fearful of your opponents; did you expect to gain a point?

—Honestly, I expected more than a point. I feared not so much South Melbourne but the first 20 minutes. And I was right. My players start matches against the glamour teams with a complex because they have been led to believe that we are a Cinderella club. This is our biggest handicap at present.

—Many spectators and critics were pleasantly surprised that Blacktown actually dictated the tempo of the game. Are you a defensive team, as some critics recently claimed?

—It's difficult to shed the image of being defensive. My teams usually have that reputation. Can we make it clear now, please for once and for all that I am the most aggressive coach in this country. This is the type of soccer we played for 90 minutes against Newcastle and against Wollongong and for 45 minutes against Lions. It's the first 20 or 30 minutes that makes people believe we are defensive. We are not:

it's just that the players are timid at the start.

—Jovan Djordjevic stole the show against South Melbourne. You must have been happy with him?

—Of course. But it's strange that hardly anybody mentioned in the newspapers that he had missed two weeks with a bad injury. He is the most complete footballer in Australia.

—After the Wollongong game, you were blasted for using the offside trap, killing the game.

—Offside tactics prove that a team is aggressive. Only unqualified people don't understand it. If you want to attack the opponents in the other half of the field, you have to catch their counter-attacks with the offside trap. But you're the attacker, not them. Let's see now. South Melbourne were moving the ball about nicely for the first 30 minutes of the match and they looked like attacking. But what was the purpose of all that? And yet, they don't have the reputation of being a defensive team. What



they were doing was purely defensive. They played a tight 4-4-2 system which is defensive. That's why I switched O'Donnell to left fullback or rather, passive left midfielder and moved Djordjevic into the attack.

—Last year Blacktown, with an average team, survived its first season in the PSL. Since then you lost a few key players but also gained a few new ones. How do you compare the two teams?

—We are short of quality players. We need more players of Djordjevic's class. I think Paul Burrows will be a great gain and he fits into my pattern of play as he is extremely mobile. We are looking for one or two more real quality players and then we'll be right.

—South Melbourne had two Soccerroo members, Blair and Davidson. What did you think of them?

—I think they are both a bit naive. Blair attacked Burrows a few times in a very naive fashion. If he did that against New Zealand, we would be in trouble. Davidson surprised me when he exposed himself so fully.

—Gutendorf said he intended to use Davidson in midfield, not at fullback, what do you think of that idea?

—That's Gutendorf's problem, not mine. He had stated openly that he doesn't believe in midfield, so he must have something else in mind if he wants to play a two-line soccer, without a midfield. I believe that if we play against New Zealand without a midfield, we will be struggling. I think we should outplay New Zealand from the second line. The way we outplayed South Melbourne today from midfield.

—a.d.

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 <p>R. O'Shea</p>	<h3>CANBERRA ARROWS</h3> <p>Likely squad: 1. Wilson, 2. M. O'Shea, 3. Williams, 4. Cole, 5. J. O'Shea, 6. Stark, 7. R. O'Shea, 8. Byrne, 9. Valeri, 10. McLaren, 11. Brennan, 14. Massa, 15. Moutsopoulos, 16. Farrell, 21. Hoszowski. Coach: G. Murray.</p> <p>Sunday, 3pm Bruce Stadium</p> <p>Next week: Canberra away to Heidelberg</p>	<p>PAST RESULTS:</p> <p>1977: Canberra v Olympic 4-0 1978: Canberra v Olympic 1-3 1979: Canberra v Olympic 1-3 1979: Canberra v Olympic 1-3</p>	<h3>SYDNEY OLYMPIANS</h3> <p>Likely squad: 1. Meier, 2. Moulis, 3. Cross, 4. Wilson, 5. Rowden, 6. Katholos, 7. Housseini, 8. Cork, 9. Gavin, 10. Scott, 11. Jennings, 12. Ankudinoff, 14. Koussas, 15. Ziras, 16. Jamieson, 18. Laing, 20. Wilson. Coach: T. Docherty.</p> <p>REFEREE: C. Bambridge Linesmen: N. Murray M. Welch</p> <p>Next week: Olympic at home to Marconi</p>	 <p>Jennings</p>
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 <p>Lucchesi</p>	<h3>PRESTON RAMS</h3> <p>Likely squad: 1. Kastner, 2. Rainey, 3. Beech, 4. Ollerton, 5. Higham, 6. Faulkner, 7. Cullen, 8. Flavell, 9. McMillan, 10. Petrovski, 11. Ward, 12. Brown, 13. Lucchesi, 14. Little, 15. Stoikos. Coach: B. Edgeley.</p> <p>Sunday, 3pm Connor Reserve</p> <p>Next week: Preston away to Newcastle</p>	<p>PAST RESULTS:</p> <p>Preston and Blacktown meeting for the first time.</p>	<h3>BLACKTOWN DEMONS</h3> <p>Likely squad: 1. James, 2. Wheatley, 3. Pollard, 4. Milovanovic, 5. Pointer, 6. Selvage, 7. Djordjevic, 8. Hormazabal, 9. Culina, 10. O'Donnell, 11. Manning, 12. Quarby, 13. Cuk, 15. Wallace, 18. Milosevic, 20. Freeman. Coach: R. Rasic.</p> <p>REFEREE: D. Yelland Linesmen: M. Gaut M. Momont</p> <p>Next week: Blacktown at home to Adelaide City</p>	 <p>O'Donnell</p>
 <p>Shirra</p>	<h3>MELBOURNE GUNNERS</h3> <p>Likely squad: 1. Laumets, 2. V. Bannon, 3. Davidson, 4. Lutton, 5. Xanthopoulos, 6. Rogers, 7. Wright, 8. Christopoulos, 9. Cummings, 10. Evans, 11. Buljevic, 12. Kalafatidis, 14. Campbell, 15. Stevenson, 16. Shirra, 19. Blair, 20. Tsigaras. Coach: H. Margaritis.</p> <p>Sunday, 3pm Middle Park</p> <p>Next week: Sth. Melbourne away to Leichhardt</p>	<p>PAST RESULTS:</p> <p>1978: Sth. Melbourne v Newcastle 3-0 1979: Sth. Melbourne v Newcastle 1-2 1980: Sth. Melbourne v Newcastle 0-0</p>	<h3>NEWCASTLE KB RAIDERS</h3> <p>Likely squad: 1. Dando, 2. Reaney, 4. Senkalski, 5. Bertogna, 6. Drinkwater, 7. Sumner, 8. Mountford, 9. Jones, 10. Heys, 11. Buckley, 12. Mason, 13. Burrows, 14. Sneddon, 15. Curran, 16. Kamasz, 17. McClelland, 20. Gosling. Coach: A. Vest.</p> <p>REFEREE: S. Mellings Linesmen: J. Brennan N. Karlich</p> <p>Next week: Newcastle at home to Preston</p>	 <p>Dando</p>



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OLYMPIC v SYDNEY CITY 2-2(0-2)

Olympic (4-3-3)

Moulis (3)	Rowden (3)	Zeros (3)	Palmer (4)
Raskopoulos (4)	Jamieson (3)	Katholos (5)	
Laing (3)	Koussas (4)	Jennings (3)	
	●		
Boden (3)	Kosmina (3)	Watson (3)	
Barnes (4)	Muniz (3)	Patikas (4)	
Bruce (3)	Spanos (4)	O'Connor (4)	Souness (5)
	Pezzano (3)		

Sydney City (4-3-3)

Replacements: Gavin (60m) for Jamieson.

Goals: 0-1 Boden (19m), 0-2 Barnes (31m), 1-2 Raskopoulos (61m), 2-2 Gavin (62m).

Referee: J. Reeves — Crowd: 4,728 — Cautions: Moulis, Koussas.

When, after half an hour, Sydney City established a comfortable lead, almost everybody was certain that Olympic's goose was cooked.

The question was only by how many goals will the Slickers win as both goals came through the generosity of a loose defence.

In the 19th minute Kosmina accepted a pass, lobbed it into the goalmouth, Rowden was trying to backhead it to his goalie, gave it to Boden instead who put it away.

Some 12 minutes later a long ball from Souness found Kosmina and his header went to an unmarked Barnes who slammed the ball past Meier.

COME-BACK

Then Olympic began to have some chances, too. Raskopoulos blasted over the bar after a great overlapping run and good cross by Moulis.

In the second half Olympic could have helped themselves to a couple of early goals when Spanos, then Bruce made mistakes.

Olympic reduced the margin after a freekick. Pezzano held the ball from Raskopoulos but let it slip through his but-terfingers.

Barely a minute later the score was level.

Replacement Tom Gavin, on for only two minutes, intercepted a

ball after several deflections inside the penalty box and his low shot sent the Olympic crowds into ecstasy.

Koussas, after a good run, passed the ball to Laing whose shot went just wide, then Pezzano was well tested by yet another Koussas shot.

The fierce Olympic raids brought no more goals for them — but two golden chances went Sydney City's way.

In the 75th minute Kosmina sent a good cross to Muniz who hit it first time bringing off a good save from Meier.

Two minutes later Boden went off on the left but instead of

shooting, unselfishly squared the ball to Kosmina. Ideally positioned in front of the goal — but his finishing was poor.

Olympic's last chance to cause a complete upset came when Koussas broke through but Bruce cleared the danger.

Newcastle referee, Reeves irked players and fans alike by repeatedly ignoring the advantage rule.

Olympic had every right to be pleased with their good comeback from the brink of defeat while Sydney City may later find the carelessly dropped point sorely missing.

— Joe Marton

NEWCASTLE v WOLLONGONG 1-1(0-1)

Newcastle (4-3-3)

Reaney (3)	Bertogna (3)	Dando (3)	H. Tredinnick (3)
Sumner (3)	McClelland (4)	Buckley (3)	
Heys (3)	Mountford (2)	Jones (2)	
	●		
	Campbell (4)	Fontana (2)	
P. Tredinnick (3)	Lathan (4)	Adam (3)	McBreen (3)
Ainsworth (3)	DeGraaf (4)	Dunleavy (4)	Fleming (3)
	Preston (3)		

Wollongong (4-4-2)

Replacements: Senkalski (72m) for Jones, Turner (80m) for Fontana, Kamasz (84m) for Buckley.

Goals: 0-1 Fontana (37m), 1-1 Drinkwater (73m).

Referee: D. Rennie — Crowd: 7,567 — Cautions: Bertogna, Adam, Ainsworth, Mountford.

A tough, physical battle was anticipated and that is just what the 7,567 spectators were given in this tight defensive struggle where attackers were given little room for creativity.

The 1-1 was a fitting result but the game had little chance of blooming into an open encounter through lack of player ability to control the play and to distribute the ball with accuracy.

It was sad to see players of both sides rushing around, taking no time to size up situations and hurriedly despatching their final pass, often straight to the opposition.

Though the play was

ragged and with little signs of cohesion, there were brief moments of excitement in the torrid exchanges.

Both coaches were happy to gain a point but neither Alan Vest nor Ken Morton could become ecstatic about their team's performances.

Coach Vest introduced a new midfield combination, omitting World Cup squad member Joe Senkalski and Craig Mason after a disappointing showing in the Philips Cup against Canberra Arrows.

BRUISING

New Zealand skipper Steve Sumner resumed after a month's absence and the versatile Malcolm McClelland moved from the attack, while in the rearguard 17-year-old Howard Tredinnick took over from the injured Colin Curran.

With such a reorganisation, it was not surprising to see Wollongong the more closely knit combination in the opening half.

The game burst forth into an opening 10 minutes of bruising tackles and referee Doug Rennie was forced to

keep firm control on the bubbling cauldron which looked capable of erupting into the "War of the Steel Cities."

Four cautions were handed out in the opening half and Glen Fontana nodded Wollongong into the lead after 37 minutes.

In the 73rd minute a bad defensive blunder by captain Chris Dunleavy allowed the quicksilver McClelland to dispossess him and steer the ball over for Drinkwater to equalise.

Next minute winger Graham Heys shot for goal but his effort was deflected for a fruitless corner kick.

— Myles Hay

BLACKTOWN v STH.MELBOURNE 2-2(1-1)

Blacktown (4-3-3)

Wheatley (4)	Milovanovic (4)	Pointer (3)	O'Donnell (4)
Djordjevic (5)	Selvage (4)	Ortega (3)	
Culina (4)	Burrows (4)	Wallace (3)	
	●		
Buljevic (3)	Christopoulos (2)	Evans (3)	
Shirra (4)	Rogers (5)	Stevenson (4)	
Davidson (3)	Blair (3)	Xanthopoulos (4)	V. Bannon (4)
	Laumets (5)		

South Melbourne (4-3-3)

Replacements: Cummings (46m) for Buljevic, Lutton (48m) for Xanthopoulos, Cuk (62m) for Wallace, Milosevic (72m) for Burrows.

Goals: 0-1 Evans (9m), 1-1 Culina (33m), 2-1 Cuk (65m), 2-2 Cummings (86m).

Referee: T. Davies — Crowd: 2,500 — Cautions: Davidson, Rogers, Djordjevic.

As though to debunk recent allegations about their siege mentality, Blacktown put on a bright, courageous and attacking show which deserved a better fate than a mere draw.

Blacktown started timidly and, for the first 25 minutes, seemed out-classed by a confident South Melbourne smoothly flinging the ball around.

Their early goal, from a fast break-away by Evans, made one think that the Gunners would continue to blaze their way to a big win.

But Blacktown gradually shed their shyness and began to take over.

Djordjevic — faster

than Sharne and more skilled than Boden — led several brilliant raids on the right flank, zooming past the nonplussed and obviously embarrassed Davidson who, foolishly, at first treated this stunning Yugoslav import with disdain, later with some rough handling.

In the 33rd minute yet another jet-propelled run by Djordjevic ended with a perfect cross: Blair, having an ordinary game, mis-kicked and Culina sliced his shot into the corner.

Then came Blacktown again, surging, pressing

forward with the bustling and aggressive Burrows and Wallace softening the enemy trenches.

Ironically, the benefit of this was enjoyed by Peter Cuk who, in the 62nd minute, came on for the semi-fit Wallace.

Three minutes later Djordjevic left Davidson stranded once more and his cross was scrambled to corner.

Culina sent in the in-swinging and the tall Cuk, as if signifying his consent, nodded the ball in.

With victory on the horizon, Blacktown got tired, jittery — and

erratic. Djordjevic, having absorbed an extraordinary amount of stick from Davidson, began to retaliate and nigger; Culina, Ortega and Selvage looked exhausted.

Four minutes from time Stevenson sent in a cross from the right and substitute Cummings, quite unmarked, headed in the equaliser.

In injury time Christopoulos missed yet again, from four metres but perhaps just as well: it would have been anything but poetic justice if, after their performance, Blacktown had nothing to show for their efforts.

— Andrew Dettre

WEST ADELAIDE v LEICHHARDT 1-2(1-1)

West Adelaide (4-3-3)

Maricic (4)	Tymczyszyn (3)	Topaz (4)	Haig (2)
McGachey (3)	Honeyman (3)	Boyle (5)	
Pillans (3)	Brown (4)	Norris (4)	
	●		
O'Connor (5)	Soper (4)	Giampaolo (4)	
Coyne (3)	Kafka (4)	Leyden (3)	
McAusland (4)	Pullen (3)	Wilson (4)	Skellern (1)
	Woodhouse (4)		

Leichhardt (4-3-3)

Replacements: Watts (59m) for Coyne, Reynolds (73m) for Haig.

Goals: 0-1 Giampaolo (8m), 1-1 Brown (19m), 1-2 O'Connor (71m).

Referee: D. Campbell — Crowd: 4,217 — Cautions: Skellern, Wilson. Sent off: Skellern (74m).

Willie Wallace's Leichhardt Strikers lived up to their bold new nickname in this all-action encounter.

Granted, the Strikers did not net a huge score, but they emerged as potentially the most deadly in-form strike force to visit Adelaide so far this season.

Discarded and seemingly forgotten Socceroo Phil O'Connor led the Leichhardt onslaught as he paraded his superb ball skills, speed and splendid goal sense.

On last Sunday's form, O'Connor is just the man Australia needs to confound the Kiwi defence on Anzac Day.

Such was his dominance that one felt sorry for his immediate opponent Gordon Haig

who, try as he may, was unable to cope with O'Connor's orthodox wing brilliance.

And O'Connor had excellent allies in Sebastian Giampaolo and young Marshall Soper.

New Socceroo squad member Giampaolo has similar fine jinking skills to O'Connor, but he failed to match the work-rate of the left-winger.

Giampaolo netted the Striker's first goal in the eighth minute after O'Connor had located him with a telling angled pass.

The Hawks bright young prospect Tim Brown notched the equaliser 11 minutes

later when he headed home a weighted right wing cross from full-back Zorn Maricic.

It was fitting that man-of-the-match O'Connor should grab the winning goal 19 minutes from full-time with a great diving header from a goalmouth cross by Soper.

In between and after those successful efforts both teams had several good scoring chances, but were denied by the goalkeeping expertise of two of the countries finest custodians, Martyn Crook of Westad and Greg Woodhouse of Leichhardt.

Crook lost nothing by comparison to

Woodhouse, but over the entire 90 minutes Woodhouse had more direct shots to save.

And as the pros and cons of the goalkeepers' performances are assessed, it must be said that Woodhouse conceded the easiest goal, while Crook made the best reflex save of the match.

There was a sour note to the otherwise good-spirited game 16 minutes from the final whistle when Rod Skellern was red-carded after he and Peter Wilson had both been cautioned during an altercation with young Brown.

— Allan Crisp



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HEIDELBERG v BRISBANE CITY 2-0(1-0)

Heidelberg (4-3-3)

Olver (5)			
McMillan (4)	Provan (4)	Yzendoorn (4)	Yancos (5)
Selemidis (4)	Taylor (4)	Rooney (5)	
Campbell (4)	Cole (5)	Bozikas (5)	
●			
McVeigh (3)	P. Wilkinson (4)	Palinkas (3)	
Hamilton (4)	Pimblett (4)	Gaffney (3)	
B. Wilkinson (3)	Dunne (4)	Ratcliffe (4)	Perry (3)
Coe (5)			

Brisbane City (4-3-3)

Replacements: Low (70m) for Gaffney, Caldwell (70m) for Palinkas, Tasevski (82m) for McMillan.
Goals: 1-0 Bozikas (4m), 2-0 Yancos (47m).
Referee: S. Mellings (Vic.) — Crowd: 3,500.

The recuperation of Heidelberg under master surgeon Jimmy Rooney continued with a 2-0 victory over a previously unbeaten Brisbane City.

But what was more important is that the win was achieved playing its most positive soccer so far this year.

Heidelberg's midfield was back to its old aggressive self and with players running off the ball well, the openings started to flow and shades of the old slick attacking formula started to creep back.

Gary Cole had his best league game so far this league campaign testing Martin Coe twice and setting up Ken Taylor for another crack before he came within a hair's breadth of scoring with one of the best moves in

REVIVAL

the game in the 74th minute.

John Yzendoorn, in another of his now familiar upfield dashes, split the defence with a through-ball for Cole to run onto down the right, Coe came off his line to try to intercept, the striker spotted him and chipped beautifully over him but the ball smacked against the bar.

By that time, however, the home side was well in control having taken a 2-0 lead with goals within minutes of the start of each half.

Andy Bozikas, who was in danger of being dropped over his recent indifferent form, respon-

ded to the reprieve by netting only four minutes after the kick off, latching onto a centre from Rooney at the far post and shooting past Coe from a narrow angle.

Charlie Yancos netted the second two minutes into the second half hammering a half clearance from a corner into the roof of the net from the edge of the area.

Brisbane had come to Melbourne confident of getting a result after earlier away draws against Sydney City and Marconi, but didn't lift its game until after the second goal.

Bobby Hamilton had a fine second half in midfield giving Kenny Taylor plenty of bother and providing Paul Wilkinson with a steady supply of the ball down the left flank as well as having two shots at goal himself which brought good saves from Olver.

Paul Wilkinson was the visitors' best forward and in the first half laid a goal on a platter when he intercepted a bad back pass from Bob Provan and laid the ball back for John McVeigh but the latter shot wide with Olver beaten.

But it was Heidelberg which finished on the attack and only a touch of selfishness by Bozikas prevented a third goal four minutes from time.

— Paul Galea

MARCONI v CANBERRA 0-2(0-0)

Marconi (4-3-3)

Maher (5)			
Brogan (3)	Henderson (3)	Muir (3)	Degney (4)
Housseini (3)	Byrne (4)	Picioane (3)	
Sharne (2)	Krnecic (2)	Jankovics (2)	
●			
Farrell (4)	Valeri (4)	Brennan (3)	
R. O'Shea (4)	J. O'Shea (3)	McLaren (4)	Cole (3)
	Byrne (5)	Stark (4)	M. O'Shea (4)
Wilson (4)			

Canberra (4-4-2)

Replacements: Colusso (77m) for Jankovics.
Goals: 0-1 Valeri (61m), 0-2 Valeri (86m, pen.)
Referee: K. Small — Crowd: 3,700 — Caution: R. O'Shea.

For the feint-hearted, patriotic and others in need of encouragement: Marconi's Soccerroo stars were staggeringly brilliant; after their display, New Zealand has declared general mobilisation and devalued their dollar.

For the realists: Marconi were woeful and in their present form only the selection of Maher and perhaps Henderson can be logically explained by Rudi.

The World Cup dress rehearsal between Canberra's Kiwis and the numerous Marconi-Datsun Soccerroos was most disheartening.

For one thing, goalie Wilson handled the Soccerroo striking trio with

ONE-SIDED

depressing ease and contempt.

One could sense and confidently predict, after some 20 minutes, that the solid, fit and purposeful Canberra would win; the question that remained was the margin.

Had Walter Valeri been more accurate with his powerful shooting and had Brennan not lapsed into his old trick of taking on one player too many, the score could have been 6-0.

Valeri twice and McLaren once missed good chances before

Marconi even had a close look at Wilson's goal.

When they did, in the 34th minute, Jankovics, alone in the goalmouth, somehow screwed his shot backwards (!).

Marconi were sleepwalking without any visible pattern, interest or even hope.

The defence was caught time and time again by the lightning fast Canberra raiders, the midfield was totally unimaginative and the strikers looked as if they had never met before.

This is the most pathetic Marconi team in

the PSL and the only ray of hope is the return of Paul Degney as an overlapping fullback.

In the second half Canberra's onslaught continued, finally getting them their reward.

In the 61st minute the razor-sharp Valeri turned on a sixpence and smashed home, from a bad angle, a typical Dalglish goal.

Then Valeri and McLaren could have easily added to the score but for some heroics by Maher and some inaccurate though fearsome shooting.

Four minutes from time Brennan's cross was handled by Brogan and Valeri converted the penalty.

— Paul Dean

BRISBANE LIONS v PRESTON RAMS 2-1(2-0)

Lions (4-3-3)

Lowndes (3)			
Ontong (3)	Hermiston (3)	Bennett (3)	Niven (4)
Hogg (3)	McLean (4)	Lindsay (3)	
Millman (3)	Bryce (3)	Ferris (3)	
●			
Brown (3)	Ollerton (2)	Cullen (3)	
Faulkner (3)	Flavell (3)	Lucchesi (3)	
Beech (3)	Petrovski (4)	Higham (3)	Rainey (3)
Kastner (3)			

Preston (4-3-3)

Replacements: Konstantinou (52m) for McLean, Little (74m) for Petrovski.
Goals: 1-0 Hogg (11m), 2-0 Bryce (28m), 2-1 Cullen (64m).
Referee: C. Amos (Qld.) — Crowd: 1,830 — Cautions: Ollerton, Faulkner, Higham, Bennett.

Lions did a Jekyll and Hyde job on their long suffering fans during this game.

The match should have been won long before halftime, such was the superiority enjoyed by the homesters during this period.

The team, playing its best soccer of the season, got off to a dream start when they scored after only 11 minutes.

Niven's long cross was headed into the path of Hogg, by Ferris, and the Soccerroo forced the ball over the line.

McLean then took charge of the midfield and with subtle promptings set up move after

BIG CHANGE

move towards the Rams goal.

Shots rained in on Kastner and Lions looked good for a feast of goals but it was a further nine minutes before new boy Bryce did what he had been brought in to do.

Millman back-headed a long clearance and the big rangy forward outpaced the defence to coolly get his first PSL goal.

Preston were hopelessly outclassed at this time with only Cullen and Petrovski showing the spark that is

needed in this company.

After halftime the pattern continued but suddenly all was to change for after only seven minutes McLean left the field.

The change in Lions was instantaneous; they began to struggle at once and after 12 minutes of confusion Cullen suddenly raised Preston's hopes with a great individual goal when he ran 55 metres past about seven weak tackles and rounded Lowndes before netting.

Now the fat was in the fire and with Ollerton

pushing his bulk into the fray for the first time Preston became a team possessed, every man challenging every ball.

Lowndes punched, kicked and scrambled try after try away and despite all the pressure Lions should have sewn up the game when Ferris set up Bryce with a beautiful through ball.

Alas, the young striker shot wide.

From then until time the crowd was treated to some very ragged play by both teams and what at one time promised to be a dream day for the locals finished up a day to be forgotten as both sides showed their inadequacies to the public.

— Jim Binnie

FOOTSCRAY v ADELAIDE CITY 1-1(1-0)

Footscray (4-3-3)

Boland (4)			
Hazabent (3)	Milne (4)	Kondarios (3)	Kyriakouleas (3)
Kakantonis (3)	Ilioski (5)	Vasic (3)	
Curovic (3)	Cozzella (3)	McLaughlin (4)	
●			
Villani (4)	Mitchell (4)	Signore (3)	
B. Nyskohus (4)	Marocchi (3)	J. Nyskohus (3)	Melta (3)
	Perin (3)	Jones (4)	Russell (4)
Marshall (3)			

Adelaide City (4-4-2)

Replacements: Parton (45m) for Cozzella, Simic (62m) for Vasic, Rankin (39m) for Signore.
Goals: 1-0 Cozzella (28m), 1-1 Mitchell (62m).
Referee: E. Venios — Crowd: 2,000 — Cautions: Parton, Kyriakouleas.

Both sides started very cautiously with Signore replacing Dods in the Adelaide line up.

Footscray have still to field a regular squad, having several players such as O'Reilly and Jovanovic out through injury and other players struggling to gain form.

One of the Irish imports, McLaughlin, gave Footscray's attack more purpose, and Kakantonis proved to be more useful at midfield.

The solid work put in by Ilioski proved to be the turning point for Footscray, and Adelaide City's attack was subdued with only Johnny Nyskohus breaking through to fire past at the 12th minute.

The strongest group on the field were the defensive trio of Russell,

FROM AFAR

Jones and Buggy Nyskohus and they were able to hold the youthful Footscray attack of Curovic and Cozzella.

A floating corner kick from Milne created chaos in the Adelaide box and young Cozzella hooked the ball in at the 28th minute.

Footscray then turned on their best form through sheer enthusiasm.

Kakantonis tried a 30-metre shot which Marshall held safely. Adelaide were trying hard to level the score and mainly Ilioski and Boland were denying them.

Cozzella did not take the field after halftime.

as he was weakened with influenza, his place being taken by Shaun Parton who moved to right back, giving Hazabent more of an attacking role.

Eight minutes into the second half, Vasic broke through the Adelaide defence, and his attempt to lob over Marshall's head failed to clear the goalkeeper.

The Adelaide attack then came into their own through Villani and Mitchell and a Kondarios blunder let Mitchell in to level things.

Footscray were combining well and still could have come out on top, but the tactical battle was lost in my

opinion by shooting too soon from the 40-metre mark.

The final 20 minutes of the game gave the spectators good value, without any goals and perhaps that effort of Mitchell's would be better forgotten, with the goal at his mercy.

Boland carried on from the previous week with another good showing but it was Ilioski's day all the way.

Boland had much more work to do than Marshall, which more or less showed that the Footscray team needs more venom in the business end of things.

This is the first point which Adelaide City have lost to Footscray in the five Melbourne Philips League fixtures to date.

— Jock Stephen

COCA-COLA BOTTLERS LEAGUE REPORT

By Paul James



Years ago, all soccer used to be played on Saturdays — despite the 44-hour and later 40-hour working week. Then gradually the shift began towards Sunday matches. Now, all or almost all our PSL and State League games are played on Sundays, at times 10 of them the same day.

Would it make sense if the State League avoided clashing with the PSL and staged its games on Saturdays, even Fridays? We asked the 14 clubs for their views.

POLONIA



Polonia's Mike Kordek said he felt it would be a good idea to experiment with Saturday afternoon matches.

"I think we must start to experiment more with various times to play games," he said.

"Playing games on Saturdays, in the evenings and even mid-week might be one way of getting crowds," he said.

"I think we must, however, give these ideas a prolonged trial.

"I understand that Blacktown are going to drop the idea of playing matches on Saturdays after they attracted only 2,500 against South Melbourne last week in the PSL.

"I don't think that is right.

"They should give the scheme a few more weeks and see if more people will come to the games.

"Otherwise they won't get the full benefit of the experiment," he said.

"Similarly with the State League.

"I think it is only logical if we want to try and build up crowds," Mike added.

RIVERWOOD

"I don't think it would be a good idea to play matches on Saturday," said Riverwood's secretary Eric Smith.

"The clubs with the largest support are the ethnic clubs such as Croatia, Melita and Avala.

"Their supporters are working people, a lot of whom own their own businesses, and they invariably work on Saturdays.

"If we played all our games on Saturdays I think we'd lose about two thirds of what crowds we do have," Eric said.

"I think we have to get people into the routine of going to football on a Sunday afternoon.

"Saturday games are fine to play backlog matches, but we must get people down to the grounds each Sunday to support their own team: the ideal is if they go BEFORE they know who they're playing.

"That's a true soccer fan," Eric said.

AUBURN

Auburn's Fred Parker said he believes there is a need to play some games on Saturdays.

"I think it would be a good idea to have a few games each weekend on Saturdays for promotion and publicity," he said.

"If even one match was played on Saturday, then we could assume it would get some space in the Sunday papers, with mention of games that afternoon.

"However, we have to weigh this benefit against the likelihood that we would lose some fans.

"I suppose some clubs could expect to lose a number of fans; they shouldn't be forced to play on Saturday.

"A lot of people now work on Saturday mornings, or use it as their main shopping day.

"I can imagine that players as well as spectators wouldn't be too thrilled to have to rush from work to play in a competition match.

"And the lower grades would also suffer," Les said.

"But I think if things were properly sorted out it would be an idea," Fred said.

SUTHERLAND

Sutherland's Laurie Haynes echoed the sentiments of Canterbury's coach John Xipolitis.

"I don't think a switch to Saturday football is what is needed for the State League," Laurie said.

"We don't have to worry so much about losing spectators to the PSL, but to junior football," he said.

"It's a ridiculous situation where you have literally dozens of teams playing all over the metropolitan area when the State League games are kicking off.

"Matches should be arranged on Sunday mornings, but preferably on Saturdays," he said.

"The trouble is that the NSW Federation can't do anything about it.

"Most of these junior associations aren't affiliated to the State Federations — they belong to the Amateur bodies and then in turn to the ASF.

"But to get the ASF involved in local issues is asking a bit much: after all, they don't seem to be able to even get their international priorities sorted out," he said.

"What we need is someone from the ASF to lay down the law.

"They are always too keen to quote figures

about how many kids are playing the game.

"They seem to get their ultimate satisfaction from just quoting figures.

"What we need to do is get these kids — and the adults from the All-Age games — along to senior matches.

"A lot of them would gladly go, but they are playing at the same time and can't make it.

"We need to say that no games below the top three divisions can be played on Sunday afternoon, and provide that huge market with the opportunity to go and see State League and PSL soccer," he said.

MONARO



"First off, I think I should point out that we don't have the same problems as Sydney," said Inter Monaro's secretary Tony Reale.

"We have an agreement with Canberra Arrows to play each alternate Sunday.

"So, when they are away, we play in Queanbeyan, and when we travel to Sydney, they play at the Bruce Stadium in Canberra.

"It is an arrangement that works out fine for all concerned: the clubs benefit because we aren't killing each other for crowds, and the fans benefit because they get to see good football each weekend."

Tony said that a fair percentage of Monaro's supporters went to see Canberra play in the ACT when they are at home.

"I don't know how many of them would choose Canberra in preference to Monaro, but there must be some.

"I know there are a lot of supporters who go to see Canberra each time they are here — they want to see Walter Valeri and they like to see good soccer each Sunday.

"They are soccer fans, and not just club people," Tony said.

Tony said if Monaro did switch to Saturdays, however, it would affect their crowds.

"A lot of people take part in junior football in one way or another, and they would be hit.

"But I don't think we'll ever have the problem," he said.

AVALA



"From my point of view as a coach it would be better to play games on Saturday," said Avala's coach Kaz Kulak.

"But from the club's point of view we must continue to play on Sunday — for the spectators.

"I think it would be easier for coaches to motivate players if games were on Saturday.

"Then the players could look forward to a full day's rest on Sunday — and a free Saturday night.

"As it is, they have to have an early night on Saturday — I hope — and then on Sunday it is football as usual and they don't feel like doing much after," Kaz added.

"But we have to face facts: most of the soccer public works on Saturdays, usually all day and not just the morning and I suppose we would lose a fair percentage of our crowd," Kaz added.

"I don't think we lose many people to the PSL games, but there might be a few who would go to both if we played on Saturdays.

"But they would only be the real soccer fans," Kaz said.

NORTH SYDNEY

North Sydney's spokesman felt that games should still be played on Sundays.

"There are far too many people who work on Saturdays and I think that most clubs would suffer.

"Also, a lot of fans have children who play soccer on Saturdays.

"These people either just go along to watch, or are coaches, or referees and we would lose them," he said.

"I don't think we could take any more losses to our crowds," he added.

"There might be a few people who would go and watch PSL in preference to the State League but I think most people who watch the State League games do so because they are club fans.

"There aren't too many people around who would go both days to soccer.

"People will gladly spend one afternoon at the football, but they want their other afternoon free to do those odd jobs and go out with the family, or just relax," he said.

"Definitely we should stick to Sundays," he added.

CANTERBURY

"We have talked about playing games on Saturday and there is a firm proposal before our club committee to play games then," said Canterbury's coach John Xipolitis.

"What we aim to do is try and avoid clashes with Sydney Olympians," he said.

"There are a lot of fans who would like to watch both teams.

"But they would probably go for Olympians if they had to make a choice on Sunday.

"So we are providing them with the chance to see both teams," John said.

John said he felt the State League did not have to worry so much about competing with the PSL for crowds, but

with amateur and lower division football.

"Any Sunday you can go to Moore Park or Centennial Park and see eight or nine games going on, with at least 1,500 people standing along the touchlines watching.

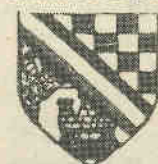
"They may just be passers-by, but a lot of them are friends of players, officials and so on.

"If you added up all the people there you would get about 2,000.

"And if you counted all the people over Sydney it would be many thousands who are playing and watching amateur soccer when they could be supporting the top grades," John said.

"It is a ridiculous situation where we are claiming that the code is growing in popularity, yet the crowds are down: because people are playing the game more and the Federations are allowing people to compete with the showcase division," he added.

CROATIA



"I don't think Saturday games would be a good idea for us," said Croatia's president Tony Topic.

"As you can imagine we have a lot of people who work on Saturdays.

"They have their own businesses or they work in Saturday morning jobs, and we would lose them.

"In fact, I could see that we would lose about 1,500 people from our gates," he added.

"We are trying to aim the game at the younger market, and a lot of youngsters now have Saturday morning jobs as well," he said.

"We have to consider the lower grades: how would they manage?

"And the players in the first grade — they also work and I think it would be hard on them to play on the same day.

"It would be too much of a rush.

"As for playing the games to avoid the PSL teams, I don't think we have to fear the Philips League," Tony said.

"We have shown them that we can outdraw the PSL and I confidently predict we will do it many more times this year," he added.

ST. GEORGE



"I was quite fond of the idea of playing our matches on Saturday and Friday evenings," said St. George manager Frank Arok.

"It provided us with the chance to avoid the Philips League matches, and also the other State League games.

"But unfortunately, it

has proven unpopular with both players and fans.

"A lot of people work on Saturdays and so both the Friday night idea and the Saturday evening games hit snags.

"Players feel tired and look forward to resting on Saturday afternoon in preparation for the game on Sunday.

"And the spectators as well — it can be hard to rush straight from work to the match on a Saturday or Friday, whereas on Sunday they have always planned their day around an afternoon's football," he said.

"I think it is important to provide soccer at the time when the people themselves want to see it.

"After all, we must keep the fans we have and build the numbers on them," Frank said.

PARRAMATTA

"I think we should try and use Saturdays as alternate days for State League games," Parramatta's spokesman said.

"I agree that there are a few teams that would probably suffer.

"But I don't think we should make the change compulsory, and we should try some new ideas," he said.

"For a start, there are a lot of junior competitions which play on Saturdays.

"These could be avoided by playing games at night, or having later kick-off times," he said.

"We could also play games on Friday evenings.

"I think people would take to Friday evening games, leaving their weekend free.

"We've got to start looking at what the people want," he added.

"The Sunday afternoon kick-off hasn't been around for decades: we had the Saturday games before.

"Well, times and circumstances have changed once again and I think we need to look at re-thinking the best time for matches.

"Clashing with the PSL is only one thing we must consider.

"We must move with the times or the State League will be buried," he added.

BANKSTOWN

"We have far too many people involved with junior football, and a switch to Saturday would be disastrous," said Bankstown's spokesman.

"We might as well shut up shop if we were forced to play on Saturdays all the time," he added.

"This year we are trying to build up a link between the junior and senior sides of the game, and a move like that would be detrimental to only one side: us.

"We have to realise that soccer is becoming increasingly popular as a participant sport.

"Soccer is following the trends of other Australian sports where

crowds are down at major events, but up in participant numbers.

"We shouldn't commit suicide by competing with the juniors: we should try and co-exist.

"Quite definitely the State League should continue to play on Sundays and leave Saturdays for the juniors," he added.

MANLY



"All our juniors play on Saturdays and I think it would be disastrous for us to switch to that day," said Manly's PR man Ron Beattie.

"People have boys in young teams, they are coaches, or referees and I think we'd lose a fair percentage of our meagre crowds if we played on Saturdays.

"We certainly wouldn't get any more people — those people who supposedly would go to watch both State League and PSL," Ron said.

"Sydney'siders aren't spectators: they like to do things.

"Sydney has become a participant sport city. People are playing soccer not watching it.

"Rugby League is also having the same problem.

"While crowds for soccer, league and union are falling, the numbers of kids playing the codes are rising, and other sports such as golf, tennis, sailing and so on are experiencing booms.

"A switch to Saturdays wouldn't bring us any benefits; in fact, I think it would hurt us mortally," Ron said.

MELITA

"I think that we should elevate the games on Sundays," said Melita's Emmanuel Said.

"In our own situation I think we would get less supporters on Saturdays.

"A lot of our fans have obligations on Saturdays.

"They work on Saturday mornings and a lot of them have their own businesses which they keep open all day Saturday.

"And it is a big shopping day for a lot of people.

"Let's face it, after either working or spending the morning at the markets people just want to relax," Emmanuel said.

"And we don't want to promote soccer as a relaxation sport!

"We want people to get involved with the match.

"So I think it would be better for us at least to keep matches on Sundays.

"It is the day people set aside for doing things with the family and going out to meet friends.

"And a lot of people do that at the soccer," Emmanuel said.

Avala's young third grader DAVE BROWN performed well last week for the few minutes he was on in first grade when he substituted the injured PETER RODIC. Dave played a full game in thirds, then backed up for another full match in second grade before being called on by KAZ KULAK to sit on the bench in thirds.

St. George's central defender JOHN RUSSELL should be fit in another couple of days and ready to fight for his place in the first team.

St. George's coach FRANK AROK is raving about the team's masseur CHARLIE

Frank reckons Charlie has worked wonders on some major injuries and had players back at training in half the normal recovery time.

Polonia officials feel that the lack of training, tiredness from their recent trip and the wearing off of the initial euphoria of arriving in Australia all caught up with their four Polish imports last weekend. And it couldn't have happened at a worse time; Polonia were thrashed by Saints 6-0. Said Polonia president MIKE KORDEK: "It was like being attacked by a band of marauding Huns. Our players didn't know what hit them. We counted at

CLUB PATROL

least 25 chances to score by St. George."

BRIAN PARKER and STEVE MONTGOMERY are both carrying injuries and are doubtful for Croatia's Wednesday night Ampol Cup quarterfinal match with Melita. ALEX KOVACIC is also injured and may be out of the game.

Avala's coach KAZ KULAK said he would probably be without BRANKO KARANFILOVSKI, BRUCE TILT, new signing STANLEY MATTHEW for about a month as each had received bad injuries in recent games. He thinks GRUJO VUJINOVIC may be back in the side this weekend, though.

Manly are pleased that PINO PALAMARA is back in the side and back in top form after being out of the game for 18 months. He dropped out

of soccer in 1979 and missed last year completely. However, he rejoined the club, worked his way from seconds into the first grade team and scored Manly's equaliser last week to give Croatia a shock before Manly eventually went down 4-2.

Manly's CHRIS CASSETARI has settled his differences with the club and has resumed training with the second grade team. He will settle down now to try and dislodge MARK DOWER from the first team goalkeeping position.

Inter Monaro are doing — and have been doing — something positive in relation to publicity for the State League in Queanbeyan. They have a half hour radio program each Saturday morning at 9.00 hosted by well known ACT soccer man GRAHAM HARRISON in which PSL results, State League results, overseas results and club news are read. And they always have player interviews to build up to the weekend's match. The club sponsors the program together with the local football league on RADIO STATION 2XX.

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FIRST DIVISION

— By Charles Spiteri

Competition leaders Ku-ring-gai maintained their unbeaten record yet with another narrow win, this time over Blacktown to forge ahead two points clear of their nearest opponents.

The local "derby" on the South Coast which drew more than 2,000 spectators ended in a scoreless draw while both Guildford and Gladesville were beaten by the odd goal.

Yugal, battling to regain some sort of form were three times behind Warringah but eventually scraped to take a point in a game that produced six goals.

Another fancied team, Bathurst, also struggling to get their form, were held to a draw by Belmore on their home ground.

Revesby Workers broke "the ice" with their first win of the season against neighbours North Bankstown. Greg Byles did the honours to get them their first two points.

Gladesville led 2-0 in their game against the students at half-time, but lost the game 3-2, all goals coming from set play — two corners and a freekick.

Highlights from this week's matches were:

GUILD FORD v PENRITH 0-1

A goal by Peter Lewis 18 minutes from the end brought a result to a scrappy but very tight game.

Neither side could put it together as they normally do but when Penrith brought Hamill as a replacement, it came right for them quickly.

Hamill, who was only a few minutes on the park, crossed the ball for Lewis to score the winner.

Guildford: Duggan, Miller, Allen, Glass, Hunter, Morrison, McGlynn (Tait), Stewart, Slater (McMahon), Moss. Coach: M. O'Neill.

Penrith: Kristic, Rhodes, Dunn, (Gaskin), Hobart, May, Smith (Hamill), Anderson, Thoms, Hood, Demattia, Lewis. Coach: S. Ackley.

FAIRY MEADOW v WOLLONGONG 0-0

Fairy Meadow could have snatched both points if Graham Gardner converted a 42nd minute penalty.

Making his debut for Fairy Meadow was goalkeeper Adrian Beck, 21, whom the club signed up on Thursday night.

Fairy Meadow: Beck, Pasquale, Plec, Chilby, Langford, Charnock, Devenney, Richardson, Baker, Tinney, Gardner. Coach: H. Tinney.

Wollongong: P. Terziowski, Montecchi, R. Sattin, Petkovski, Talevski, Campbell, M. Terziowski, H. Sattin, P. Giraldi, Dalkovski, R. Giraldi. Coach: M. Johnson.

REVESSBY v NTH. BANKSTOWN 1-0

A goal by Greg Byles 10 minutes after the interval gave Revesby their first win of the season.

The Workers dominated midfield particularly in the second half and there they won the game. Apart from the goal by Byles, they also hit the post.

Norths battled well and Norm Boardman came close with a tremendous shot which Pearsell saved well.

Revesby: Pearsell, Larkin, Sadek, Adams, Benecke, Harris, Pittman, Gill (Patterson), Milford, Byles, Mackin. Coach: R. Harbour.

Nth. Bankstown: I. Madde, Mianie (Pratten), Thompson, Boardman, Gallagher, Kymantas, Parry, C.

Madden, Wileman, Clark, Muir (Ross). Coach: D. Madden.

YUGAL v WARRINGAH 3-3

In a game of defensive errors from both sides, Warringah had the game three times within their grasp and finally had to settle for a draw.

Alan Sturgess put them in front in the first minute but Travini equalised for Yugal just before half-time.

Twice in the second half, Warringah was in the lead through goals by Sturgess and Walsh but on each occasion Yugal hit back with goals by Misan and Rokodera — the last 10 minutes from the end.

Yugal: Berry, Cummings, Randall, Clapman (Misan), Clarke, Colderic, Mihailovic, Travini, Rodas, Rokodera, Tanoski. Coach: I. Takac.

Warringah: Ciment, Duncan, Rice, Friend, Morris, Euers, Alinslie, Sturgess, Beverley, Walsh, Sandner. Coach: M. Walker.

UNI OF NSW v GLADESVILLE 3-2

The Ravens were rather disappointed after this match as they played well enough to get a point.

They lead 2-0 at half time through goals by Mark Nile and Dennis McGrath but couldn't do much more after the interval.

Yet, the students aided with a top performance from Rob Erhardt, came back strongly after the interval levelling the score within 12 minutes of the resumption.

Andrew Kay and Lou Antonelli headed goals from corners taken by Phil Dow.

Then, Phil Dow scored the winning goal.

Uni of NSW: Ridings, Dwyer (Wren), Hughes, Erhardt, Popovich, Kay, Kelly, Keluwin, Antonelli, Dow. Coach: A. Kay.

Gladesville: Slark, Keven, T. Johnstone, Kendall, Harrison, Goldsworthy, Woodford, G. Johnstone, McGrath, Nile, Naylor. Coach: J. Woodford.

BLACKTOWN v KU-RING-GAI 0-1

A penalty goal by Neil Endacott 10 minutes before half-time was enough for Ku-ring-gai to collect another two away points.

The game was pretty tight throughout but Ku-ring-gai would have been hard pressed to score if they didn't get the penalty.

Yet, on performance, Ku-ring-gai deserved to get the two points.

Blacktown: Evans, Ramisch (Meharg), Eldridge, Ber, Thompson, De Valle, Taylor, Clarke, Murray, Davidson, Scone. Coach: D. Zeman.

Ku-ring-gai: Taylor, Haines, Robertson, Gross, Jagger, Ross (Sidey), Williamson, Geekie, Seach, Endacott, Smith. Coach: H. Noon.

BATHURST v BELMORE 1-1

Hard hit by injuries, Bathurst seems to have lost their rhythm and could only score one goal against Belmore.

They dominated most of play but their finishing was way off the target.

Adrian Pickup made the first goals when he crossed a precision pass for Geoff Hadley to score with a header.

But Belmore hit back within seven minutes to level the score.

Bathurst: Lovett, Woodruff, D. Pickup, Ashford, Waine, Tait, P. Hadley, Alexander, Dwyer, A. Pickup, Bullock (G. Hadley). Coach: J. Judge.

Belmore: Unavailable.

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NSW COCA-COLA BOTTLERS LEAGUE

There must have been many long faces in State League clubs around Sydney last Sunday when the news came through that Polonia had been hammered 6-0 by St. George.

A number of club officials confidently felt that Polonia — one of the top four sides — wouldn't be so easily steam-rollered by the Saints.

But they suffered the worst defeat the Saints have handed out this year as they continue to attack like a band of feverish Huns: Arok's Huns maybe?

The Saints have set a phenomenal early pace — but Croatia are determined to keep with them.

They too won last week, 4-2 against a gritty Manly side.

Saints' scoring record is truly awesome: in five matches they have scored 25 goals and conceded only two.

Surely they could easily reach 100 this season if their present form keeps up.

This week the worried coach who has to prepare some means of stopping Saints is John Xipolitas of Canterbury.

The Berries got a 2-1 win last week over Parramatta: far from an impressive result.

But they have been up and down this year and Xipolitas will be hoping the side hits new heights against the Saints.

However, it would be a brave man to tip against St. George and we see Arok's horde sweeping to yet another win: Saints 3-0.

Croatia play North Sydney at King Tomislav in a re-arranged 'home match'.

The Croatia side is finely balanced, with a heavy emphasis on elegant skill.

Marcos Silva endeared himself to Croatia's fans with his four goals last week, but there are others like the Kovacic brothers, Coleman and Montgomery who provide a powerful force.

Norths have slumped a little recently and couldn't have picked a worse time to do it.

They will fight all the way but they should be over-run.

We tip Croatia to win 3-1.

Riverwood will be hoping to con-

tinue their good run this week against Manly — but it would be a mistake to under-estimate the seashiders.

Last week they showed great character to pull back Croatia to 2-2 before going down 4-2.

They are a much improved team from last year. Their players have benefited from a couple of seasons of bloody hand-to-hand fighting for survival and with the Falconer brothers adding a bit of guile to the side they are a strong unit.

A draw would not surprise here and we see a 1-1 result.

Avala and Melita meet at Knight Park on Sunday in a match which should produce fireworks.

Avala will be determined to wipe out the memory of last week's loss, while Melita are anxious not to let either St. George or Croatia get too far out of reach.

We tip a high scoring draw: 3-3.

Sutherland didn't have an answer to Melita's firepower last weekend, but should be too strong for Parramatta.

Sutherland's young side will be out for goals and we tip a Sutherland win 3-1.

Monaro officials quipped last week that it was strange they have started to win matches when playing sides that the week before met St. George: a sort of after-shock syndrome.

But to be fair to Monaro, the victories have been earned on their own merit.

They are finally getting their act together and this week against Polonia should be able to capitalise on Polonia's post-St. George blues to win: 2-1 to Monaro.

Auburn have had a miserable couple of weeks. Their 5-0 loss to the Saints was followed by a 2-0 loss to Inter Monaro last week.

This week they face Bankstown who must be feeling better after their first win of the year over Norths.

We feel both coaches will get their sides sufficiently motivated to provide an entertaining afternoon's soccer.

A 2-2 draw.

CROATIA v MANLY 4-2(2-0)

Marcos Silva was the toast of Croatia Sydney when he scored four goals against a new-look Manly at King Tomislav Park.

The determined Manly side went within an ace of upsetting the Croatia machine when after being down 2-0 at half-time, spearheaded by Dudley Fox and Pino Palamara, they drew to 2-2 in the 58th minute and looked like real winners.

Udo Karmner and Keith Falconer applied steady pressure for Manly but the stiff Croatian defence of Lee Sterry, Kevin Dobson and Alex Kovacic prevailed and in the 71st minute Silva scored again and finally sealed the victory with his fourth goal eight minutes from time...at

which 3,200 relieved Croatian fans went wild.

CROATIA: Watson 4, A. Kovacic 4, Sterry 4, M. Kovacic 3, Dobson 3, Vidaic 3, Parker 3 (Czolnowski 70m), Coleman 3, Pagano 2 (Juchniewicz 75m), Silva 4, Hensman 2.

MANLY: Dower 3, Geoghegan 3, Doyle 3, Kramer 4, Riley 3, K. Falconer 4, Jack 3, P. Falconer 3, Reagan 2, Palamara 3, Fox 4.

Goals: 1-0 Silva (5m), 2-0 Silva (30m), 2-1 Palamara (50m), 2-2 K. Falconer (64m), 3-2 Silva (71m), 4-2 Silva (79m).

Crowd: 3,200; Cautions: Silva, P. Falconer.

— Peter Coleman

MONARO v AUBURN 2-1(1-0)

Monaro scored their third straight win when they over-powered Auburn.

But the local team had to overcome an anxious first 10 minutes when Auburn battered away at Japuto's goal and it was only the 7-year-old's great reflexes and good positioning that kept the green and golds out.

Gradually Monaro got back into the match and wore Auburn down and after 11 minutes went ahead.

Heywood brilliantly chested down a great cross from Arquerio and slotted the ball past Bowman rom 12 metres.

Heywood was instrumental in the second goal as well when he was brought down by Bates and Noble put away the penalty.

Heywood was involved in a tussle with Auburn defender Charlie Prjomelja which saw the

Sydney player sent off by referee Vince Celestino.

Auburn pulled one back in the last minute when McDonald put away a penalty after Noble was adjudged to have handled in the area.

MONARO: Caputo 4, Crawford 3, Charles 4, Noble 3, Santolin 4, Falzon 4, Arquerio 4, Francis 3, Valeri 3, Link 3, Heywood 4.

AUBURN: Bowman 3, McInerney 3, Bates 3, Prjomelja 1 (sent off), Bertram 4, Bielby 4, McDonald 4, Quigley 3 (Thierling 58m), McCannor 3, Leak 3, Brown 4.

Goals: 1-0 Heywood (11m), 2-0 Noble (60m, pen.), 2-1 McDonald (89m, pen.).

Referee: V. Celestino; Crowd: 1,120; Sent off: Prjomelja.

— Joe Chiara

BANKSTOWN v NORTH SYDNEY 2-1(0-0)

Bankstown City collected their first competition points with the narrow victory over North Sydney.

The most outstanding feature of the game was the quality of the goals — all of which were

The first half was a kick and rush affair with both defences on top and scoring chances at a minimum.

Bankstown opened the score straight from the kickoff in the second half.

Front runner John Nocera laid

the ball to Johnny Beater who passed it to Glen Lynch on the byline.

Lynch in turn hammered a fair shot at 'keeper Vic Lilli and the ball bounced off his hand into the net via the post.

North Sydney drew level in the 68th minute when "Yul Brynner" look-alike, Tom Steven, headed a beautiful ball from a corner kick taken by Jay O'Rourke.

Five minutes later North Sydney almost took the lead when Shane Wilson's close-range shot was parried for a corner by keeper Wally Lachowicz.

The best goal of the match came in the 78th minute when John Nocera rocketed a header

MELITA v SUTHERLAND 3-0(1-0)

A fine hat trick by striker Don Allan gave Melita a win over Sutherland in a game in which the Sharks were surprisingly ineffective.

It was only in the first 20 minutes that Sutherland spelled some danger but once they failed to take their chances their enthusiasm faded out.

Melita scored 15 goals in the last three matches and Allan has scored eight of them.

But the man-of-the-match was John Stoddart who controlled midfield with Mike Berry and had a hand in all three goals.

The first came midway through the first half when he split the Sutherland defence with a lob to Parker.

Parker quickly chipped it to Allan who headed the ball over

past the 'keeper for a winner.

BANKSTOWN: Lachowicz 4, Beveridge 3, Usher 4, Amies 3, Rooney 3, Isoardi (Swatridge 32m, 3), Peck 3, Glen Lynch 4, Nocera 4, Farthing 3, Beater 3.

NORTH SYDNEY: Lilli 3, Matheson 3, McGinn 3, Gibson 3, J. Botalico 4, Robin 3, Youssef 2 (Wilson 46m), Steven 4, A. Botalico 2 (Morsello 57m), Dale 3, O'Rourke 4.

Goals: 1-0 Lynch (46m), 1-1 Steven (68m), 2-1 Nocera (78m).

Referee: G. Warne; Crowd: 231.

— Einar Persen

Mal Haynes.

Allan was the sharpest of the forwards and scored his two other goals from headers in each case from crosses by Stoddart.

MELITA: Greedy 4, McCoy 4, Daley 4, Cabon 4 (Campbell 64m), Thompson 4, Farrugia 3, Berry 4, Stoddart 4, Allan 4, Martinez 3, Parker 3.

SUTHERLAND: Haynes 3, Hesford 4, Cashman 3, Dal Forno 4 (Connor 87m), Donnelly 3, Webber 4, Groome 3, Meades 4, T. Bush 3, Watkins 3 (Murphy 57m), P. Bush 3.

Goals: 1-0 Allan (20m), 2-0 Allan (48m), 3-0 Allan (80m).

Referee: R. Lorenc; Crowd: 1,375.

— Charles Spiteri

PARRAMATTA v CANTERBURY 1-2(0-0)

A goal three minutes from full time gave Canterbury a hard fought 2-1 win over the battling Parramatta.

Parramatta had taken the lead in the 61st minute when Jim Herron picked up a loose ball 30 metres out and running wide sent a great shot into the corner of the net.

Canterbury equalised in the 79th minute when a defensive error enabled John Karaspiros to head the ball past the goalkeeper.

Parramatta made a great effort to hold out in the closing minutes but in the 87th minute substitute Alan Bourke scored the winning goal.

The first half was far from entertaining but the match came to life after the interval.

However, the most prominent feature of the game was the referee's whistle and Arthur Owens issued five yellow cards

during the game.

Biglands, Bates, Roden and McKenzie played their hearts out for Parramatta while Canterbury were best served by Karaspiros, Barton and Williams.

PARRAMATTA: Thurwood 3, McKenzie 3, Biglands 3, Bates 4, Fairclough 3, Roden 4, Cook 2 (Fisher

AMPOL CUP

The quarter-finals will be completed this Wednesday when St. George take on Wollongong United and Croatia and Melita meet at the St. George stadium.

A good crowd can be guaranteed for the Melita-Croatia match, the outcome of which is a matter for conjecture.

The St. George game looks a foregone conclusion — but how many times has that been said.

Many times teams — including St. George — have felt they only had to walk onto the field and the game would be theirs.

Wollongong can be expected to go for an early killer blow and hope they can last out.

If they collapse, then the on-

slaught by St. George will be just as entertaining.

Wollongong coach Mike Johnson, himself once a St. George supreme, will hope to impress but the odds are stacked against his team.

The Croatia Melita game promises to be a fiery encounter.

They have already met in the league with Croatia coming out winners, and Melita are desperate to avenge the loss.

Both sides are playing to their best at present, but we feel Croatia should have the all-round strength to win through.

We tip a Croatia win 2-1 and St. George to take the other match 3-0 or more.



NSW YOUTH LEAGUE

Group 1
G/Hornsby v Olympic, Sat., Pioneer Bankstown v Polonia, Sat., Soccer Centre St. George v Illawarra, Sun., Balgownie Bl'town City v Leichhardt, Sat., Gabbie Croatia v Melita, Sat., Everley South. & East. v Baulkham Hills, Sat., Jellilcoe

Group 2
Nepean v Canterbury, Sat., Arlington Riverwood v Sutherland, Sat., Hurstville Ku-ring-gai v Marconi, Sat., Acron Avala v Manly, Sat., Knight Park Central Coast — Bye South District v Bl'town Assoc., Sat., Francis Park

LAST WEEK

	14s	15s	16s
Group 1			
Glad. Hornsby v Baulkham Hills	6-0	2-3	4-1
Bankstown v Sth. East.	1-1	2-0	1-4
St. George v Melita	2-0	7-0	3-1
Bl'town City v Syd. Olympic	0-4	2-1	1-1
Illawarra v Polonia	4-1	1-1	4-2
Croatia v Leichhardt	0-3	0-4	0-6

Group 2			
Nepean v Bl'town Assoc.	1-2	2-0	1-4
Riverwood v Sth. Dist.	1-2	1-0	1-1
Ku-ring-gai v Manly	4-0	0-6	0-0
Cent. Cst. v Canterbury	2-5	0-2	2-7
Marconi v Sutherland	2-0	0-0	1-2

NSW FEDERATION DRAWS

DIVISION 2
Lane Cove United v Baulkham Hills, Sat.
Pottery Green, Queens Park v Mt. Drunit, Sat.
Erskineville, Campbelltown City v Liverpool Albion, Sun., Lynwood Park; Riverstone Schofields v Dee Why, Sun., Schofields Park; Gladesville Hornsby v Bonnyrigg, Sun., Pioneer Park; Marrickville Rockdale v North Ryde, Sun., Mackay Park.

DIVISION 3
Kingsford v Artarmon, Sat., Turruwull Park; Sydney Uni v Port Hacking, Sun., University Oval 1; Eastern Creek v Wentworth Waratahs, Sun., Cawarra Park; Hurstville Zagreb v Padstow Park, Sun., Evatt Park; West Ryde Rovers v Paddington, Sun., L.H. Waud S/Grd.; Fairfield Kiev v Bondi Marine, Sat., Knight Park No. 4.

DIVISION 4
Eastwood S/A v Chelsea, Sun., Upper Eastwood Oval; West St. George v Fairfield West, Sun., Outer Barton Park; West Holroyd v Canley

Heights, Sun., West Guildford Showground; Concordia v Revesby Rovers, Sat., Marrickville Oval; Maroubra Utd. v North Rocks, Sat., Coral Sea Park; Winston Hills v Ryde District, Sun., Max Ruddock Reserve.

DIVISION 5
Macquarie Uni v Haberfield B/Ds, Sun., Macquarie Uni. Oval; Moorebank v Camden, Sun., Hammondville Park; Auburn Juniors v Edensor Park, Sun., Progress Park; Glenquarie Utd. v Chullora, Sat., Bensley Rd. S/Complex; Pagewood v Hawkesbury Dist., Sat., Jellilcoe Park; Green Valley v Sydney Maccabi, Sun., Blamfield Oval.

DIVISION 6
Trasandinos Sports v Blacktown Wands, Sun., Booralee Park No. 2; Liverpool Utd. v Rangers Hajduk, Sat., Childs Park; Colo Colo v Robins, Sun., Knight Park No. 4; Sth. Sydney v Liverpool City, Sun., Booralee Park; Blacktown Workers v Liverpool Rangers, Sun., Laybutt Reserve; Bankstown Sports v Hellas Sports, Sun., Condell Park H/School.

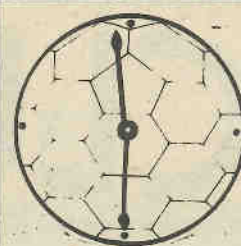
LAST WEEK'S RESULTS

COCA-COLA BOTTLER'S LEAGUE

	I	II	III
Monaro v Auburn	2-1	1-0	—
Croatia v Manly	4-2	1-0	2-6
Avala v Riverwood	2-3	0-2	1-2
Melita v Sutherland	3-0	1-2	0-0
Bankst. v Nth. Syd.	2-1	2-3	1-0
St. Geo. v Polonia	6-0	6-0	0-3
P'matta v Canterb.	1-2	0-7	2-1

Division One			
Bathurst v Belmont	1-1	1-4	0-1
Revesby v N. Bank.	1-0	3-0	3-1
Fry. Mdw. v Woll.	0-0	3-1	3-1
Yugal v Warringah	3-3	2-2	2-3
Bl'twn. v Kuringal	0-1	0-3	2-4
Guildford v Penrith	0-1	2-2	2-0
Uni NSW v Gl'ville	3-2	0-2	0-3

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IN NSW FEDERATION

With Val Hokin and Emmanuel Kanna.

Liverpool Albions (2nd div.) two goals by Arthur Townsend paved the way for his side's victory of 3-0 over Bondi Marine. Bondi had new signing Ian McGovern from Melita on show but he was completely overshadowed by Albion centre half Bob Ashley who had an outstanding game. Without McGovern's penetration up front, Bondi's attack never threatened Albion goal and Albion were able to push men forward to create plenty of scoring opportunities. In the first half Albion were not at their best but scored two neat goals. In the second half Albion, with midfielders Bill Tarrant and Chris Cowley coming into the game, began to create numerous scoring chances. Steve Bowers made a welcome return in second grade but Albion continued their poor form when they squandered a two goal lead to lose 3-2. For Albion Dave Phillips had an outstanding game.

Canley Heights (4th div.) has at last managed to secure a coach for this season. Peter Ashby, an ex-Fairfield West player has been signed as player-coach. Peter, who is 27, coached Fairfield RSL and was with Marconi Juniors. Another player who is back with the club after a stint with Marconi is Peter Cascucci.

Wentworth Waratahs (3rd div.) have gained an experienced coach, Jim Gallacher, who has joined the club in its bid for promotion to second division. Gallacher, a qualified NSW Federation coach, who has handled the training of several State League teams with good results is expected to emphasise the need for a more professional approach. An enthusiastic committee under the leadership of president Graham Staley is convinced this season will see the promotion of the team to second division. Formed over 15 years ago to compete in the Inter Suburban Soccer competition, the team progressed and despite fluctuating fortunes has retained its third division status. While still remaining affiliated to the Wentworth Waratahs Sports and Social club, the team will function as an independent

identity within the club. A newly formed Supporters Club is expected to provide the team with an enthusiastic following in the season ahead.

Umbro Cup Finals. North Ryde took out third position in their match against Campbelltown City at Popenetta Park last Sunday with a first half goal, when Rick Shepherd came through to score. City were unable to answer the one goal deficit, not playing one of their better games. Baulkham Hills had a convincing but hard fought win over Mt. Drunit Town in the final. The Hills side started very confidently and played some entertaining, attacking football which kept Mt. Drunit's defense under pressure. Mt. Drunit, however, fought back and it was the Hills' turn to defend for a period of time, during which goalkeeper Matthew Renkovetsky gave a magnificent display making many brilliant saves. Play saw-sawed from end to end until finally Sean McElduff was able to out-strip the defence and score a good goal for Hills. Play in the second half was hard with both teams turning defence into attack and producing some great goalkeeping at both ends. The score remained unchanged at fulltime giving Hills the Trophy for 1981. Baulkham Hills wish to convey their thanks and appreciation to Umbro for their interest and support for this second division pre-season competition.

The Hills team: M. Renkovetsky, S. Gribben, K. McElduff, J. Gough, D. Kendal, D. Rogers, G. Woods, J. Ayre, S. McElduff, J. Huie, D. Chalmers, I. Rankine, B. Wright, K. Woods, P. Gaul.

Paddington Spanish (3rd div.) were more than happy with the news of their promotion to this division replacing the outgoing Yagoona. The club runs a campaign to recruit more players to strengthen the side in this higher division.

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TABLES

NSW COCA-COLA BOTTLERS LEAGUE

GRADE 1

	W	D	L	F	A	P
St. George	5	—	—	25	2	10
Croatia	5	—	—	12	4	10
Melita	4	—	1	19	4	8
Monaro	3	—	2	7	7	6
Polonia	3	—	2	8	8	6
Sutherland	2	1	2	4	5	5
C'bury	2	—	3	7	6	4
Avala	2	—	3	8	11	4
Manly	2	—	3	7	12	4
Auburn	2	—	3	3	10	4
Riverwood	1	1	3	6	12	3
Nth. Syd.	1	—	4	5	9	2
Bankstown	1	—	4	4	10	2
P'matta	1	—	4	4	16	2

GRADE 2

St. George	5	—	—	23	—	10
Canterbury	4	—	1	13	2	8
Croatia	4	—	1	11	7	8
Riverwood	3	1	1	7	4	7
Melita	3	—	2	13	7	6
Sutherland	2	2	1	10	7	6
Nth. Syd.	3	—	2	8	11	6
Bankst'n	1	2	2	8	8	4
Manly	1	1	3	7	6	3
Polonia	1	1	3	3	10	3
P'matta	1	1	3	3	14	3
Avala	1	—	4	3	12	2
Auburn	—	2	3	—	9	2
Monaro	1	—	4	4	16	2

GRADE 3

Auburn	4	—	—	13	—	8
Manly	4	—	—	12	2	8
Melita	3	2	—	14	7	8
Polonia	3	1	1	9	4	7
R'wood	2	1	2	12	9	5
Bankst'n	2	1	2	11	9	5
Sutherland	2	1	1	6	7	5
St. George	2	—	3	8	6	4
Croatia	1	2	2	10	15	4
Canterbury	1	1	3	7	12	3
P'matta	1	—	4	4	17	2
Avala	—	1	3	3	13	1
Nth. Syd.	—	—	4	—	9	—

DIVISION 1

GRADE 1

Kuringal	4	1	—	6	1	9
Fry. Mdw.	3	1	1	13	6	7
Woll. Utd.	3	1	1	8	4	7
Guildford	2	2	1	5	3	6
Black'twn	2	1	2	6	4	5
Penrith	2	1	2	5	4	5
Yugal	2	1	2	8	9	5
Bathurst	2	1	2	9	11	5
Gladesvl.	1	2	2	5	5	4
N. Bankst.	2	—	3	6	7	4
Belmore	—	4	1	3	7	4
Warringah	1	1	3	8	10	3
Uni NSW	1	1	3	6	9	3
Revesby	1	1	3	5	12	3

GRADE 2

Fry. Mdw.	5	—	—	19	3	10
Kuringal	4	1	—	10	1	9
Gladesvl.	3	2	—	7	3	8
Yugal	2	2	1	8	4	6
Black'twn	3	—	2	9	6	6
Revesby	3	—	2	8	5	6
Woll. Utd.	3	—	2	8	6	5
Guildford	1	2	2	5	9	4
N. Bankst.	1	2	2	5	11	4
Warringah	—	3	2	5	7	3
Penrith	1	1	3	5	8	3
Uni NSW	—	—	5	1	16	—
Bathurst	—	—	5	3	21	—

GRADE 3

Fry. Mdw.	5	—	—	16	4	10
Kuringal	5	—	—	16	5	10
Guildford	4	—	1	10	5	8
Belmore	3	1	1	13	7	7
Revesby	3	—	2	15	9	6
Woll. Utd.	3	—	2	11	9	6
Gladesvl.	2	2	1	9	7	6
N. Bankst.	2	1	2	5	6	5
Penrith	1	2	2	5	9	4
Warringah	1	1	3	5	17	3
Yugal	1	—	4	12	11	2
Bathurst	1	—	4	5	8	2
Uni NSW	—	1	4	3	18	1
Black'twn	—	—	5	4	14	—

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WEDNESDAY, APRIL 1
Wollongong Utd. v St. George 6.45pm
Melita v Croatia 8.30pm
(St. George Stadium)

COCA-COLA BOTTLERS SOCCER LEAGUE

THIS WEEK

Nth. Syd. v Croatia, Sun., King Tomislav 99
Manly v Riverwood, Sun., Cromer Prk. 79G/10
Avala v Melita, Sun., Knight Park 52F/9
S'tland v P'matta, Sun., Seymour Shaw 93G/14
Auburn v Bankstown, Sun., Mona Park 47J/15
Polonia v Monaro, Sun., Chopin Prk. 115H/4
Canterbury v St. Geo., Sun., Arlington Oval 27K/13

DIVISION ONE

Kuringal v Bathurst, Sun., Parklands Oval 110F/7
Belmore v Revesby, Sat., Black Oval 27F/14
Nth. Bankst. v Fry. Mdw., Sun., Potts Prk. 50H/15
Uni NSW v W'gong, Sun., David Phillips 24J/4
Yugal v Bl'town, Sun., Concord 30J/3
Penrith v Warringah, Sat., Cook Park 114D/12
Gladesville v Guildford, Sun., Peel Prk. 40K/4

NEXT WEEK

Croatia v Auburn, Sun., King Tomislav 99
Riverwood v N.S. Inter, Sun., Hurstville Ov. 35B/5
Melita v Manly Warr. Sun., Everyley Prk. 49H/9
Sutherland v Avala, Sun., Seymour Shaw 93H/14
Bankstown v Polonia, Sun., Soccer Centre 54J/12
Monaro v Canterbury, Sun., Marco Polo (Q'byn)
Parramatta v St. Geo., Sun., Garside Prk. 47G/9

DIVISION ONE

Bathurst v SSC Yugal, Sun., 2BOD, Bathurst
Revesby v Kuringal, Sun., Milperra Res. 55F/3
Fairy Meadow v Belmore, Sat., Police Boys, Woll.
Wollongong v Nth. Bankst., Sun., Berkeley Spts.
Blacktown v Penrith, Sat., Francis Prk. 117G/7
Warringah v Gl'ville, Sun., Graham Res. 77H/12
Uni NSW v Guildford, Sun., David Phillips 24J/4

UNFAIR COUNCILS

Many clubs complain of their local Councils' failure to see their special difficulties, but none would match the lack of consideration toward soccer that appears to be apparent under the Campbelltown City Council.

The fact that this area is hoping for, and could possibly succeed in gaining a position in the rugby league first division seems to have a way in the matter. For any sporting code to succeed to a higher division is to be applauded — but not at the expense of others in the area.

A group of people representing the various soccer clubs within the Campbelltown district have joined together and have, after many vain endeavours locally, attempted to get soccer on an equal footing with other sporting codes within the district.

The lack of amenities at soccer grounds have to be seen to be believed in comparison with the other sporting codes. Great concern is being shown now, since the local Council has announced that another \$200,000 is to be spent from their 1981 budget on sporting facilities — none of which is to improve the already atrocious conditions at some of the soccer grounds.

A committee has already been formed and is known as AFSAC — The Association for Soccer Advancement in Campbelltown.

A letter is due to be drafted asking the Council once again to look at the plight of some of the soccer clubs in their area. A questionnaire is being circulated amongst local soccer clubs asking just what improvements, if any, have been made or are proposed, for their grounds.

Any persons wishing further information on this matter are asked to write to: The secretary, AFSAC, P.O. Box 16, Revesby, NSW.

— V.H.

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ANZAC DAY BATTLE

Although Rudi Gutendorf places little emphasis on midfield play, he is certain to use three or even four players there against New Zealand. In fact, it's there where the battle could be won or lost. Australia, with superior skill, should be able to control the midfield even though the Kiwis will field such accomplished players there as Sumner and Cole. Next week we will look at the strikers.



Ken Boden, naturalised last week, is now a certainty for the team, in the shape of a withdrawn striker or advance midfielder, whichever you prefer. Basically, he will be searching for goals and creating chances — hopefully plenty of them.



Young Steve Hogg of Brisbane Lions was a surprise and last minute selection for the November tour but has held Gutendorf's esteem since and is likely to be in the final squad. However, at this stage it's far from certain whether he will actually get a run.



Joe Senkalski of Newcastle is a polished, elegant midfielder — in a bit of trouble at present, having been dropped from his club for an indifferent display in the Cup. Still, Senkalski's silky skills may come in handy for the Socceroos.



Mark Jankovics, even half a year ago a certainty, is now a big question mark. His recent form has been disappointing; last Sunday he was replaced in the Marconi team. At his best, he could fill ideally the role of an attacking midfielder.



John Yzendoorn, Heidelberg's skilful and talented midfielder-defender, was the golden-haired boy of Australian soccer only a few months ago. Then, partly because of his announced intention of moving back to England and partly through his lapse in form, he has faded somewhat. Still, Yzendoorn is almost certain to be in the team against New Zealand.

PULCAR
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Theo Selemidis of Heidelberg isn't in the first training squad for this week — but Rudi Gutendorf has specifically told us that he was still in Socceroo calculations for the Auckland match. Perhaps one of the few genuine midfielders in this group, Selemidis is fast, explosive and reliable — just what the 'Roos need on Anzac Day.



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The interviewer had some bewitching innocence about him.

"Why doesn't soccer get much bigger crowds?", he asked. He might as well have asked: what's the matter with the world, what went wrong with creation—and please give me a brief, plain answer.

I am glad it wasn't me that he asked. I would have said, well, friend, if you happen to have about 10 hours to spare, some good grog and a few big ashtrays, I'll give you an answer. Or some of it, at least.

But the interviewers of this world don't have 10 spare hours; they hope to solve complex riddles in seconds. "Sir," they expect to hear, "we don't get crowds because the club names are wrong...the coaches aren't coaching...the presidents aren't presiding...the migrants love the game too much...the Aussies love it too little...and many more like that.

None of them are complete lies. But they are not the complete answer, either.

I guess it must be equally perplexing and frustrating for ice hockey enthusiasts in Somaliland, waterpolo fans in the Spitzbergen and skiing devotees in Hawaii; they cannot understand either why their sport, the best sport in the world, the only one that matters, makes sense and ennobles the spirit, is ignored by such a vast number of their own populace.

They suspect some dark conspiracy, possibly an irreversible Act of God and patiently tinker with their problem in the futile hope that one day, by sheer luck, they will stumble on the solution.

And yet the answer is pretty simple: Their sport is not popular enough. It's not the national sport of the country.

It can't be helped. Those who say it can are kidding themselves.

A national sport is just that: the property of a nation, the hobby and pastime of the masses, the passion of the people.

Soccer is that in Brazil and Swaziland, England and Chad, Poland and Paraguay.

But not in Australia. Not now, not yesterday and probably not tomorrow.

And these trends simply don't change; soccer has not become the No. 1 sport in any developed country where it was lagging behind half a century ago.

Is that a tragedy, something embarrassing?

I don't really think so. Those of us who love the game are more willing to accept this truth than others who keep pretending that the game is about to burst into a staggering boom.

It won't. Those, like me, who have been following the fortunes, ups and downs of Aussie soccer for some 30 years, know it.

The game will have some good years, then some bad ones, minor booms and small setbacks, happy successes and sad failures—but it won't change much.

And this is not pessimism, only a realistic appraisal of the position based on facts.

The trouble is not with soccer but with us. We have European ambitions in an Australian milieu, the urge to re-create the organisation, support, atmosphere, mania and even instant tradition of countries where soccer is a national affair.

We may as well try to transplant the Boul Saint Mich from Paris to Vaucluse, the Mews of London to Kew in Melbourne or the Greek ruins to Marrickville. It won't work; they won't blend.

Can't soccer be loved the way it is? Is it appealing only if we have more people watching it? Do crowd figures symbolise some sort of public acceptance, a reassurance for the soul, a yardstick expressed in financial terms?

Watching kids in a park in a pick-up game can give you as much pleasure as seeing a World Cup final. If you love the game, that is, not just its trimmings.

I guess it's human nature, an offshoot of ordinary ambition, to make things bigger and better bigger.

So be it. Let's by all means try to streamline our game and make it more enjoyable for those who care for it.

Rather than trying to shove it down the throat of those who don't want any part of it.

We spend far too much time, effort and money fashioning the game for those who couldn't give a damn about it and, at the same time, ignore the converted.

These, it appears, don't seem to matter; they will put up with prehistoric conditions, flooded toilets, paddocks grandly called stadium, poor promotion and even poorer administration—so let's spend our energies and finances on spectacular projects.

We are like the Soviet Union where billions are spent on space exploration—but Moscow hotels

have no plugs in the washbasins and shops don't sell razor blades.

Everything that's flashy; nothing that's essential.

We can change club names, logos and colors incessantly (as we have been doing for 30 years or so) and dream up new gimmicks and slogans; we can hire the most eccentric and bombastic coaches, arrange lavish cocktail parties and induce corporations to grant massive transfusions of funds—but if we ignore the existing market, we will not gain new ones.

I would deem it infinitely more important that we run well what we have than worry about what we can't have.

We worry about reaching the World Cup finals but ignore the fact that many of our leading clubs are broke or almost broke.

We prepare to greet the international Press in October but neglect the basic needs of the local Press.

We want to purify the game from its ethnic influence but accept the fact that most of our best players, coaches, administrators, referees and journalists are ethnic of one kind or another.

What is this if not a sign of haphazard planning coupled with severe psychosis?

Let's put our house in order before we want to build skyscrapers; let's have that washbasin with plugs before we shoot for the stars.

And let's, for heaven's sake, try to cater for the existing market, the real, devoted public—regardless of its size—before madly flirting with the disinterested.

This is not a doomsday address; soccer will survive despite everything and everybody, because of the game's inherent beauty and logic.

The question is whether we are prepared to improve things inch by inch, accepting the code's minority status—or keep cutting corners and chase, with pathetic neurosis, some elusive bluebird of "growth happiness."

—Andrew Dettre

SPIDER'S NET

With Allan Maher

In the last few weeks people have been asking what's the matter at Marconi.

Most of them are not used to the idea of the team losing — and believe me, we are not wrapped in the idea ourselves.

But we must face facts: we have been fairly lucky in the past and picked up a couple of trophies and lapped up all the praise that was pouring out.

Now that things aren't going well, we have to accept the adverse publicity, too.

Marconi is anxious and determined to sort out the problems — that's all I can say now.

The most disappointing aspect of Sunday's defeat was the crowd reaction to Tony Labbozzetta.

As he walked off the ground, a number of supporters hurled unwarranted abuse at him and his fellow directors and committee members.

Over the years Tony's leadership has never been seriously

questioned and most of his decisions have turned out for the best.

It all appears to prove to me that players win games — and coaches and presidents lose them.

Poor, poor Blacktown City...They don't seem to be able to take a trick lately.

After watching them play last Saturday, one certainly had to admire their fighting spirit.

But boy, did they literally "throw" away a well deserved victory...

Near the end, Blacktown's Carlos Ortega did one of the most sporting things I've seen in a long time, possibly qualifying him for the annual UNESCO Fair Play award.

After having been overruled on a throw-in — many people felt incorrectly — about 30 metres from his goal, Ortega obligingly walked over the sideline and gave the South Melbourne player the ball.

The result: a quick

throw-in, a good cross by Stevenson and the equalising goal.

With four minutes to go if Ortega had kicked the ball out of the ground or even out of the district and received a yellow card for his action, Rasic would have gladly paid the fine...

Walter Valeri certainly had the last laugh on me on Sunday.

After he missed his first half dozen shots at goal, I jokingly said to him "you'll never get one past me today."

Five minutes later his first goal went in — a world class effort — then at the end his second, from a penalty.

Perhaps I should have kept my mouth shut...

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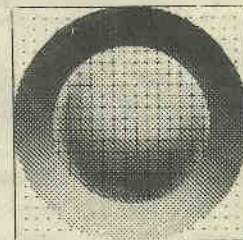
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